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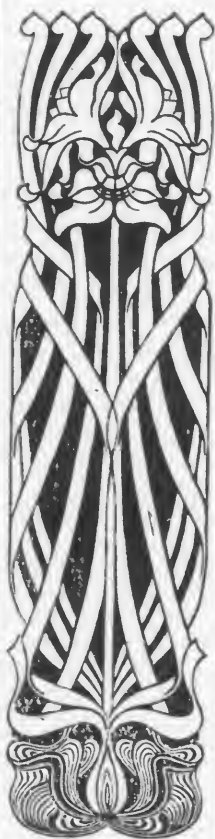
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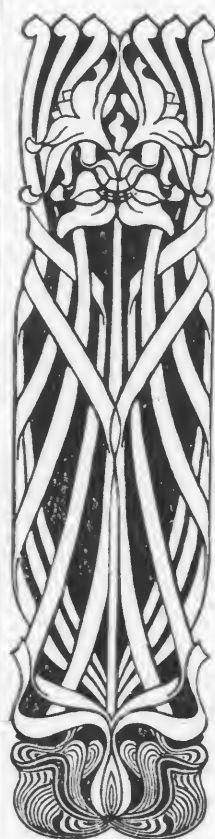
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9. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division**, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.
10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.
11. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.
12. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.
13. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.
14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence**.
15. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.
16. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.
17. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.
18. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.
19. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.
20. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.
21. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes**, to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to re-appointment.
22. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held at 1.30 P. M. on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

23. The presiding elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial**, and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

24. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Xenia, Ohio, September 6, 1898.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held August 31st to September 6, 1898, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

John H. Vincent,

President.

S. O. Royal

Secretary.

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CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1898.

NOTE.—The numbers on the left of the name indicate the year of admission into full connection. The letter P on the right shows the attendance.

MEMBERS.			MEMBERS.		
1833	Adam Miller,	P.	1865	John S. Pumphrey,	P.
1840	Richard A. Arthur, . . . . .	.....	"	Wm. Runyan,	P.
1841	Thos. H. Pearne,	P.	"	Absalom M. Griffith, . . . . .	.....
1842	Asbury Lowrey,* . . . . .	.....	"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.
1844	Wm. I. Fee, . . . . .	.....	"	Wm. T. McMullen, . . . . .	.....
"	Richard S. Rust,	P.	1866	John F. Hull, . . . . .	.....
1845	Wm. H. Sutherland,	P.	"	David C. Vance,	P.
"	Samuel B. Smith, . . . . .	.....	"	James P. Porter,	P.
1849	Samuel D. Clayton,	P.	1867	Wm. P. Jackson,	P.
1850	Michael Kauffman,	P.	"	Samuel W. Carey,	P.
"	Jas. T. Bail,	P.	"	John Pearson,	P.
"	W. H. Black, † . . . . .	.....	"	Adam Bowers, . . . . .	.....
1851	John F. Loyd,	P.	1868	Francis M. Clemans,	P.
"	Milton P. Zink,	P.	"	Andrew Hamilton,	P.
1852	John F. Marlay,	P.	"	John W. Peters,	P.
"	John W. Cassatt,	P.	"	Randolph E. Smith,	P.
"	Thomas Collett,	P.	1869	Edward T. Wells,	P.
"	Silas Bennett,* . . . . .	.....	"	Carey T. Crum,	P.
1853	Wm. Q. Shannon,	P.	"	Frank G. Mitchell,	P.
1854	Timothy Wones,* . . . . .	.....	1870	J. Raper Hunter,	P.
1856	John Vance,	P.	"	Richard H. Rust,	P.
1857	George M. Edgar, . . . . .	.....	"	James E. Gilbert, . . . . .	.....
"	William N. Maxey, . . . . .	.....	1871	Seren N. Marsh, . . . . .	.....
"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	"	Wm. A. Robinson,	P.
"	Evan P. James,	P.	1872	Edmund Burdsall,	P.
1858	George H. Dart,	P.	"	John Wilson,	P.
"	Henry M. Keck,	P.	"	James S. Whitney,	P.
"	David J. Starr,	P.	"	David D. Cheney, ‡	P.
"	John W. Mason,	P.	1873	Lucien M. Davis,	P.
"	Wm. B. Moler, . . . . .	.....	"	Charles H. Kalbfus,	P.
"	John G. Black,	P.	"	Charles J. Wells,	P.
"	Edward McHugh,	P.	"	Lafayette Young, . . . . .	.....
"	John H. Middleton, . . . . .	.....	"	Wm. M. West,	P.
"	William K. Brown,	P.	1875	D. Lee Aultman,	P.
"	John L. Gregg, . . . . .	.....	"	Samuel G. Pollard,	P.
"	H. A. M. Henderson, . . . . .	.....	1876	Wm. J. Baker,	P.
"	Patrick Carland,	P.	"	John H. Davis,	P.
1859	Fletcher W. Hypes, . . . . .	.....	"	John A. Easton,	P.
"	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	P.	"	John W. Gaddis,	P.
"	James P. Shultz, . . . . .	.....	"	James F. McCollm,	P.
"	Charles H. Payne, . . . . .	.....	"	Thomas Cundy,	P.
1860	John M. Walden, † . . . . .	.....	"	Lyman E. Prentiss,	P.
"	John H. Lease,	P.	1877	Allen D. Maddox,	P.
"	Sylvester Weeks,	P.	"	Matthias M. Kugler,	P.
"	George W. Fee, . . . . .	.....	"	George W. Dubois,	P.
"	Newton W. Darlington,* . . . . .	.....	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.
"	George K. Morris,	P.	"	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.
1861	Thornton E. Fidler, . . . . .	.....	"	Joseph I. Taggart, . . . . .	.....
"	Isaac W. Joyce, † . . . . .	.....	"	James S. Ruggles,	P.
1862	James Stephenson,*	P.	"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.
"	Thomas J. Harris, . . . . .	.....	"	Davis W. Clark . . . . .	.....
"	Jonathan Verity, . . . . .	.....	1878	Frank Leever,	P.
"	J. McKendree Shultz,	P.	"	Charles W. Rishell, . . . . .	.....
"	Adna B. Leonard,	P.	"	James W. Bashford,	P.
1865	Reuben K. Deem,	P.	1879	Henry C. Weakley,	P.

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1879	Stanley O. Royal,	P.	1890	John H. McNary,	P.
"	John A. White,	P.	1891	James W. Magruder,	P.
"	John A. Story,	P.	"	Paul C. Curnick,	P.
1880	David A. McCollm,	P.	"	James E. Abrams,	P.
"	Charles L. Conger, . . . . .	.....	"	Reuben S. McCollm,	P.
"	Jeremiah W. Hickman,	P.	1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.
"	Charles W. Gullette,	P.	"	John P. Ninde,	P.
1881	Valorous F. Brown,	P.	"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.
"	Benj. D. Hypes,	P.	"	James R. Hill,	P.
"	Edward T. Lane,	P.	"	Geo. T. Perry,* . . . . .	.....
"	Canaro D. Munsey,	P.	"	Wm. E. Spurrier,	P.
"	Edwin O. Buxton,	P.	"	Frank C. English,	P.
1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.	"	Philip Trout,	P.
"	Leonidas O. Deputy,	P.	"	John A. Winkler,	P.
"	Charles H. Haines,	P.	"	Abraham L. Brokaw,	P.
"	Madison Swadener,	P.	"	William H. Spybey,	P.
1883	Charles W. Barnes,	P.	"	Charles F. Enyart,	P.
"	Marion LeSourd,	P.	1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.
"	DeWitt C. Washburn,	P.	"	George W. Vorliis,	P.
"	Geo. S. Easton,	P.	"	William H. Wehrly,	P.
1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.	"	William M. Coffman,	P.
"	James L. Glascock,	P.	"	Homer G. Curless, . . . . .	.....
"	John J. McCabe,	P.	"	Walter S. Gray,	P.
"	Creighton Wones,	P.	"	Albert C. Turrell,	P.
"	John G. Vaughan,	P.	"	William A. Deaton,	P.
"	Merrick E. Ketcham,	P.	"	George V. Morris,	P.
1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	P.	"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.
"	John L. Dalbey,	P.	"	John E. Beery,	P.
"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.	"	Albert K. Stabler,	P.
1886	George M. Fulton,	P.	1894	David S. Ewry,	P.
"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.	"	James D. Darling,	P.
"	Jacob L. Shively,	P.	"	William A. Wiant,	P.
"	Geo. L. Tufts,	P.	"	David Herr,†	P.
1887	John F. Laird,	P.	"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.
"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.	"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis,	P.
"	Frank E. Vance,	P.	"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.
"	Thomas P. Walter,	P.	1895	Benjamin F. Oswald,†	P.
"	Wm. B. Brown,	P.	"	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.
1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.	"	Charles L. Mackey,	P.
"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.	"	Harley E. Armacost,	P.
"	James R. Colley,	P.	"	William M. Patton,	P.
1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.	"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.
"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.	1896	Edward L. Hollingsworth,	P.
"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.	"	George H. Smith,	P.
1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.	1897	Charles L. Chapman,	P.
"	Oren D. Becker,	P.	"	Earl M. Ellsworth,	P.
"	Calvin W. Elliott, . . . . .	.....	"	James A. Jenkinson,	P.
"	Charles Hartley,	P.	"	Clifford L. Meyers,	P.
"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.	"	Charles C. Peale,	P.
"	Ira Edgar Price,	P.	"	Stephen B. Timmons,	P.
"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.	"	Rufus J. Wyckoff,	P.
"	Henry Hershey,	P.	"	W. D. English,	P.

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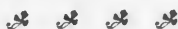
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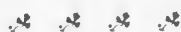
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On motion of D. J. Starr, the program, as published in the Conference Directory, was adopted, subject to such necessary changes as might arise.

The Rules of Order governing last year's session were adopted. (See page 325.)

The list of Standing Committees as nominated last year was read, and, with some changes, adopted.

The Committee on Memoirs was constituted as follows: Marion LeSourd, M. E. Ketcham, J. F. Marlay, Edmund Burd-sall, J. A. Story, V. F. Brown, and G. S. Easton. A letter from the late N. W. Darlington, left by him in the hands of the Secretary, was opened in the presence of the Conference, in accord with his expressed wish, and was referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

A Special Committee on National Affairs was ordered, to consist of eight persons; five of the number to be appointed from the several districts, and three to be appointed by the Bishop.

The following resolution creating a Commission on Ohio Conference Boundaries, offered by Heber D. Ketcham, was unanimously adopted:

In accord with the unanimous action of about one hundred preachers from all the Ohio Conferences, held during the Centennial at Delaware, in June, 1898, whose action reaches us through W. C. Endly, Secretary of the meeting,—

Resolved, That we hereby create a Commission of five members of this Conference to be named by the presiding Bishop under the provisions of paragraph 436 of the Discipline, to co-operate with like Commissions to be appointed by the other Ohio Conferences; this Joint Commission to have full power to readjust, under the provisions of the above-named paragraph, the boundary-lines of the Ohio Conferences, making four instead of five in the State, as nearly equal as possible.

(For names of Commission, see page 337.)

Drafts Ordered.—The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to draw upon the Book Concern for \$1,060, and upon the Chartered Fund for \$22, for the benefit of Conference claimants. The drafts were ordered.

Educational Funds.—On motion of J. W. Bashford, the action of previous Conferences was readopted by which the general collection for education, to the amount of \$500, was ordered paid to the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Reports from Hillsboro College and Ohio Wesleyan University were presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Thirteenth Question—“*Has the Character of Each Preacher been Examined?*”—was taken up. The names of all the presiding elders were called, and their characters passed. There being no case of arrest of character, the characters of all the effective elders were passed.

E. T. Wells read the report of his work on the Dayton District.

A letter from the Missionary Secretaries was read by the Secretary. On motion of A. B. Leonard, it was resolved that moneys for the missionary debt be reported separately from the missionary collection. The charges which had met their apportionment were to be allowed credit for this amount on their missionary collection. The Statistical Secretary was instructed to provide a special column for reports on missionary debt.

The Sixteenth Question—“*Who have been Located at their Own Request?*”—was called. On motion of T. H. Pearne, David Herr was granted a location at his own request.

Constitutional Question.—The proposition of the Rock River Conference on Lay Delegation was presented, and a vote upon the same was made the Order of the Day for Friday at ten o'clock.

The Bishop presented a communication from Rev. C. M. Heard, and it was referred to the Board of Examiners.

A Special Committee was appointed to consider the question of Church Insurance as follows: D. J. Starr, John Pearson, J. W. Mason, G. P. Austin, and S. O. Royal. Papers referring to the subject were placed in their hands.

A communication from the Treasurers of the Episcopal Fund was presented by the Bishop, and referred to the presiding elders.

William B. Brown was appointed a Committee to canvass for subscriptions for the *Methodist Review*, and to make collections for the *World-wide Missions*.

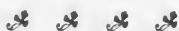
Dr. Kynett, the Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion of J. J. McCabe, the hour of adjournment was fixed at twelve o'clock.

Numerous papers were presented, and referred to appropriate committees; announcements were made, and Dr. Kynett pronounced the benediction.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE Conference met at two o'clock for a Statistical Session, and on motion of C. F. Enyart, A. N. Spahr was elected to preside. The list of charges was called and statistical reports and Conference moneys were handed in by the pastors present. The session then adjourned with the benediction by J. H. Lease.



SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 1, 1898.

BISHOP VINCENT opened the Conference this morning at 8.30 o'clock. After a service of responsive reading and song, he read, with expository remarks, the first chapter of Paul's First Epistle to Timothy.

At nine o'clock the business of the session began by the reading of the journal of yesterday.

Dr. A. J. Kynett was then introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Church Extension Society.

The following visitors were then introduced: J. F. Goucher, President of the Woman's College, Baltimore; Dr. Alexander McCabe, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Springfield; Dr. Gee, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Xenia; and Captain Fulton, of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, of Xenia.

Captain Fulton extended an invitation to the members of the Conference and their wives to visit the Home, and be their guests to supper, on Saturday evening at six o'clock. On motion of T. H. Pearne, the invitation was accepted, with thanks. The two pastors of the Xenia Churches were appointed a Committee to arrange for the visit.

Mrs. Parker, of Finland, was then introduced, and in a very interesting manner told the story of the establishment of Methodism in Finland, and a collection was taken for the new church-building in Helsingfors. The collection amounted to \$35.57.

A list of the charges which had not furnished reports was read by the Statistical Secretary.

Dr. D. H. Moore, of the Ohio Conference, and Wilbur N. Mason, of the New England Conference, were introduced.

Boundary Commission.—The Commission on Ohio Conference Boundaries was announced as follows: A. B. Leonard, J. W. Bashford, J. F. Marlay, John Pearson, and H. D. Ketcham.

The Committee on National Affairs was also announced as follows: F. G. Mitchell, J. W. Mason, A. N. Spahr, V. F. Brown, T. H. Pearne, Wm. Runyan, L. E. Prentiss, and J. A. Story.

An address was then made by Dr. Goucher, the President of the Baltimore Woman's College, setting forth the advantages and the aims of that institution. He also presented some papers on the subject, which were referred to the Committee on Education. His request that two Visitors be appointed was accepted, and the Committee on Education was instructed to nominate them.

The request of C. W. Briggs for a short leave of absence was granted.

R. H. Rust presented the report of his work as presiding elder of the Cincinnati District.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, a Committee was appointed to send a letter of greetings to Chaplain Henderson, and another to W. I. Fee, both of whom are detained from the seat of Conference by illness. The first Committee consisted of F. G. Mitchell, Sylvester Weeks, and Gervaise Roughton. The second was W. H. Sutherland, Wm. Runyan, and R. K. Deem.

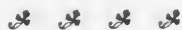
George H. Dart read the report of his work on the Georgetown District.

The relation of W. I. Fee, at his own request, was changed to superannuate.

Dr. Lewis Curts, Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was presented to the Conference, and spoke in the interest of the publishing work of the Church.

On motion of D. J. Starr, the hour of adjourning was changed to 11.45 o'clock.

Announcements were made, and Dr. Kynett gave the benediction.



THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 2, 1898.

At the appointed time, Bishop Vincent opened the session, and resumed his exposition of the Epistles of Paul to Timothy. After a prayer by William Runyan, the journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A letter from the pastor of the late Dr. Lowrey was read, and referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

An abstract of the minutes of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest was presented by T. H. Pearne for publication in the Minutes.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, the needs of Lafayette Young, superannuate, were called to the attention of the Board of Stewards.

Kessler Church Property.—J. F. Marlay reported the sale of Kessler Chapel, formerly of the Tippecanoe charge, the proceeds of which amounted to \$146. On motion, the money was ordered deposited with the Conference Trustees, who were instructed to loan the same, without interest, to the Tippecanoe Church, the note to be payable only on condition of the reorganization of the society within five years.

The relation of W. P. Jackson was changed to superannuate at his own request. After remarks by Brother Jackson, a collection, amounting to \$50.04, was taken up for his benefit and as a token of esteem.

On motion of G. H. Dart, R. E. Smith was added to the Committee on Memoirs.

Constitutional Changes.—The order of the day was then taken up. The proposition from the Rock River Conference for change in Discipline was submitted as follows:

The Rock River Conference, at its fifty-eighth annual session, held in Chicago, Illinois, beginning October 6, 1897, requests the Bishops to submit to the several Annual Conferences, at the first regular session of each Conference held after January 1, 1898, the following proposition to amend the Discipline, to wit:

FIRST. Amend ¶ 60 of the Book of Discipline by striking out all the words after "The lay delegates shall consist of" and inserting the words "one layman for each Annual Conference, except such Conferences as have more than one ministerial delegate, which Conferences shall each be entitled to as many lay delegates as ministerial delegates;" so that ¶ 60 as amended shall read:

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SECOND. Amend Section 2 of ¶ 67 of the Book of Discipline by striking out the words "nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference," and inserting the words "nor of more lay delegates from

any Annual Conference than there are ministerial delegates from such Annual Conference;" so that the section as amended shall read:

"Section 2. The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference; nor of a less number than one for every forty-five; nor of more lay delegates from any Annual Conference than there are ministerial delegates from such Annual Conference; Provided, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and provided, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and of one lay delegate."

On motion of J. E. H. Sentman, it was ordered that the vote on the proposition be taken by ballot. The vote resulted: For, 141; against, 9.

Ratio of Representation.—J. W. Bashford moved that a Committee be appointed to prepare propositions looking to such a change in the ratio of representation as may reduce the size of the General Conference. The Committee was appointed as follows: J. W. Bashford, J. A. Story, C. H. Payne, J. W. Magruder, S. O. Royal, R. H. Rust, F. G. Mitchell.

T. H. Pearne then read the report of his work as presiding elder of the Hillsboro District.

J. F. Marlay, presiding elder of Springfield District, read his report. On behalf of the ministers of the district, J. A. Story, in well-chosen sentences, presented the retiring presiding elder a purse of gold as a testimonial of their affection.

H. C. Weakley presented a paper outlining a plan for an Old People's Home, and it was referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work. The following persons were added to the Committee on Deaconess Work: William Runyan, J. P. Porter, C. W. Barnes, and J. W. Peters.

Dr. C. W. Drees, Superintendent of Missions in South America, was introduced, and addressed the Conference. He was then, by vote, invited to meet with the Committee on National Affairs.

The following visitors were introduced: Drs. Dickinson, Norcross, and Lewis, of the Ohio Conference; Dr. W. F. Oldham, of the Ohio Wesleyan University; Carl Summerbell, pastor of the Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio; Ross F. Wicks, of the Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio; and Miss Hallie Q. Brown, of Wilberforce University.

W. J. Baker read the preliminary report of the Board of Stewards.

The time being extended, J. L. Dalbey was excused from tomorrow's session.

After announcements, the session adjourned with the benediction.



FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 3, 1898.

At half-past eight o'clock Bishop Vincent opened the Conference with responsive readings, and continued his comments upon the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. The devotional exercises were concluded with prayer by V. F. Brown.

The business was begun by the reading and approval of the journal for Friday.

The certificate of ordination of John Duckwall to deacon's orders during the year, signed by Bishop Walden, was presented and ordered printed in the Journal.

This Certifies, *That at Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 20, 1897, I ordained John L. Duckwall as DEACON in the Methodist Episcopal Church, he having been elected to that office by the Cincinnati Annual Conference.*

*Given under my hand this 20th day of December,
A. D. 1897. JOHN M. WALDEN, Bishop.*

The report of the Cincinnati Church Extension Society was presented, and ordered printed in the Minutes.

"Mother" Stewart, the veteran Crusader, was introduced, and after a word of greeting, presented a petition to President McKinley for the abolishment of the canteen in the army. By unanimous vote the Conference indorsed the petition, authorizing the signing of the same by the officers of the Conference.

On motion of J. F. Marlay, the needs of T. P. Walter were called to the attention of the Board of Stewards.

Second Question—"Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?"—was taken up. A. W. Hook, W. L. Spence, L. E. Linzell, W. J. Dunham, J. A. Geissinger, and George B. Shanor were called forward, and were addressed by the Bishop. Having answered satisfactorily the Disciplinary questions, they reported

their collections, were represented by the presiding elders and the Board of Examiners, and the following were admitted to membership, all having been previously ordained deacon: Archie W. Hook, Lewis E. Linzell, J. A. Geissinger, and George B. Shanor. George B. Shanor, having passed all examinations, was credited with Studies for the Fourth Year. Wm. L. Spence and W. J. Dunham were continued on trial in the Studies of the Third Year. Samuel A. Stephan was continued on trial in the Studies of the Second Year, with permission to attend school.

The Tenth Question—"What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?"—was taken up. Rufus J. Wyckoff and George H. Smith reported their collections, their standing in studies was read by the Registrar, and they were elected to elders' orders. Homer G. Curless, E. L. Hollingsworth, and W. D. English were continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year, allowing credit for work done in the studies.

Introductions.—The following persons were introduced: Dr. Isaac Crook and E. Sherwood, of the Ohio Conference; Dr. J. G. Carson, President James Harper, Dr. D. McDill, Dr. J. D. Irons, R. G. Ramsey, W. S. McClure, and Dr. W. G. Moorehead, of the United Presbyterian Church; H. P. Purnell, of the Third Methodist Episcopal Church, of Xenia; G. H. Stevens, of the Baptist Church; Rev. Riddell, of the Zion Baptist; Dr. McGee, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. F. M. Slusser, of the Soldier's Home, Milwaukee; Professor Rogers, of Drew Theological Seminary; Dr. Rees, of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; and Dr. F. G. Browne, Assistant Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported through its Secretary, J. G. Vaughan. On motion of A. B. Leonard the report was recommitted, and, on motion of J. W. Magruder, A. B. Leonard and E. O. Buxton were added to the Committee. On motion of C. W. Barnes, J. W. Magruder also was added to the Committee.

W. J. Baker read the final report of the Conference Stewards, stating that the collections for Conference claimants enable the Board to pay sixty-one and one-half per cent of the claims. The report was adopted.

Announcements were made, and President Harper pronounced the benediction.

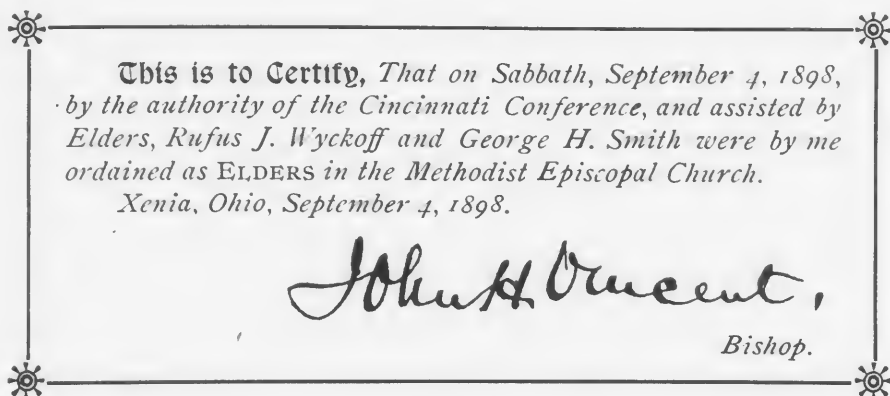
FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 5, 1898.

THE Bishop conducted the devotional exercises, reading and commenting on the fifth chapter of First Timothy. The devotional exercises were concluded with prayer by J. W. Magruder.

At nine o'clock the journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

The following Certificate of Ordination was presented by the Bishop for insertion in the record:



Creighton Wones was granted leave of absence.

The effective elders of the Conference were called, and in response reported their collections.

David D. Cheney was announced as transferred to the Kansas Conference, to be stationed at Parkdale, Topeka.

William Runyan reported for the Committee to correspond with W. I. Fee. A copy of his letter was given for publication.

Mrs. Parker, of Finland, briefly addressed the Conference, expressing thanks for liberal contributions for the Church in Helsingfors.

D. J. Starr offered an additional amendment to the Rules of Order relating to the calling of the roll of deceased members.

By request of H. C. Weakley, Sylvester Weeks was added to the Committee on the Legal Relation of the Conference Trustees to the Cincinnati Conference.

F. G. Mitchell reported that the letter to Chaplain Henderson had been written, and presented a copy for printing in the Minutes.

Dr. Rogers, professor in Drew Seminary, addressed the Conference.

Dr. Little, President of Garrett Biblical Institute, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Dr. Buell, Dean of Boston School of Theology, was presented, and made a few remarks.

Dr. Smith, Missionary Secretary, was introduced, and spoke a few words concerning the work of the Missionary Society.

T. C. Iliff, Superintendent of Missions in Utah, was introduced.

Reports.—W. K. Brown read the Report on Missions. A. B. Leonard also made remarks, and took a collection to cover the decline in the deficiency in the Conference collections for missions. The report was then adopted. (For Report, see page 421.)

W. K. Brown offered the following paper, which was adopted by a rising vote:

The Cincinnati Conference feels itself justified in placing on record its high appreciation of the faithful and successful work of the Missionary Secretaries in the arduous labors which have come to them in emergencies caused by the years of financial depression throughout the country, and does especially rejoice that the Senior Secretary is, and long has been, an honored and beloved member of this body. Moreover, the Cincinnati Conference desires hereby, formally and particularly, to assure Adna B. Leonard of an abiding interest and united prayer for the success of the cause he so ably represents.

W. K. BROWN,

L. E. PRENTISS,

V. F. BROWN,

D. LEE AULTMAN.

The report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted item by item. (For Report, see page 416.)

On motion of Frank G. Mitchell, a Committee was appointed to consider the relation of the Mears Bequest to this Conference, with instructions to bring in a report before the final adjournment of this Conference. A Committee was appointed as follows: J. T. Bail, Wm. Runyan, F. G. Mitchell, G. W. Dubois, and M. E. Ketcham.

On motion of C. W. Gullette, it was decided that, when we adjourn, it will be to meet at two o'clock for Memorial Services.

J. W. Bashford and A. B. Leonard were granted leave of absence from further sessions of the Conference.

The Secretary presented a letter just received from Bishop Walden, from Stockholm, Sweden, and it was handed to a Special Committee consisting of F. G. Mitchell, E. O. Buxton, and H. C. Weakley, who were instructed to read the letter and prepare a reply.

The sudden death of James Stephenson in the pulpit of High Street Church, Springfield, during his sermon yesterday, was announced, and A. N. Spahr was appointed to prepare a memoir. T. H. Pearne, C. M. Van Pelt, and J. J. McCabe were appointed a Committee to represent the Conference at the funeral of Brother Stephenson.

Location.—On motion of T. H. Pearne, the written request of W. H. Black that he be located was granted.

C. H. Haines presented the Abstract of the Minutes of the Conference Trustees, and asked the privilege of printing in the Minutes. It was so ordered. (See page 435.)

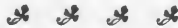
The report of Committee appointed last year on Conference Trustees was read by Sylvester Weeks, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 433.)

John Pearson, having reported the death of Mrs. William Nast, was appointed a Committee to express to Dr. Nast, in this time of his trial, the sincere sympathy of this body.

The Bishop appointed A. B. Leonard to preside at the afternoon session.

J. W. Luccock, of the Ohio Conference, was introduced.

The Conference then adjourned with the benediction by T. C. Iliff.



FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE reassembled at two P. M. for the Memorial Session, with A. B. Leonard, by appointment of the Bishop, occupying the chair.

The hymn beginning

“It is not death to die,”

was sung. William Runyan led in prayer. R. E. Smith read the Scripture lesson.

The memoir of George T. Perry was read by Marion LeSourd; a sketch of Silas Bennett was read by R. E. Smith; a memorial paper for Timothy Wones was read by V. F. Brown; the memoir of Asbury Lowrey was read by J. A. Story; an obituary of James Stephenson was read by A. N. Spahr.

The Chairman then announced the name of N. W. Darlington as having died during the year; and that, in accordance with his

own desire, no memoir would be read. Remarks were made by several of the members of the Conference.

Dr. Leonard, being compelled to leave the seat of Conference, called Wm. Runyan to the chair.

The memoirs of preachers' wives were read as follows: That of Mrs. J. J. Hill, by Edmund Burdsall; that of Mrs. T. P. Walter, by George S. Easton; and that of Mrs. M. P. Zink, by Marion LeSourd. These memorial exercises were interspersed with occasional verses of song.

Marion LeSourd was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of John Pearson, Conference took a five-minute recess.

After recess an address was delivered by Dr. Marcus D. Buell, Dean of Boston School of Theology, on the subject, "Modern Methods of Defending the Faith;" after which address, a motion carried, fixing the hour of assembling in the evening at seven o'clock.



FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

AT 7.30 o'clock the Conference was called to order with William Runyan in the chair. J. W. Gaddis read the Scripture, and G. L. Travis led in prayer.

Reports.—The report of the Temperance Committee was read by R. E. Smith, and it was adopted. J. W. Bashford and H. D. Ketcham were elected delegates to the National Anti-saloon League, and R. E. Smith and C. W. Gullette as alternates. The Chairman of the Conference Society, J. T. Bail, introduced Rev. P. A. Baker, Superintendent of the Anti-saloon League of Ohio, who delivered an able address. (For Report, see page 428.)

The Treasurer of the Conference Temperance Society presented his report, showing \$2.13 in the treasury, and the report was received.

On motion of Edmund Burdsall, the reports of the Standing Committees were ordered called in alphabetical order.

D. J. Starr read the report of the Committee on the American Bible Society, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 412.)

W. J. Dunham gave the report of the Auditing Committee, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 413.)

J. F. McColm offered the report of the Committee on Church Extension, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 414.)

W. L. Y. Davis read the report on Epworth League, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 420.)

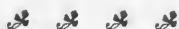
F. G. Mitchell presented his report as Treasurer of the American University, which was ordered printed in the Minutes. (See Report, page 433.)

William B. Brown reported verbally that he had secured twelve subscribers for the *Methodist Review*.

George V. Morris read the report on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts, and it was adopted.

The report on Sabbath Observance was read by H. W. Bailey. After considerable discussion, on motion of C. W. Gullette, the report on Sabbath Observance, as printed in last year's Minutes, was substituted for the report, and it was readopted as our action for this year. (See Report, page 425.)

On motion, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Baker.



SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 6, 1898.

AFTER devotional exercises led by the Bishop, and prayer by C. W. Gullette, the business of the Conference was taken up at nine o'clock.

On motion of G. H. Dart, A. D. Maddox, F. G. Mitchell, G. W. Dubois, William Runyan, and Edwin O. Buxton were appointed a Committee to inquire into the condition of the Darlington Bequest.

William M. West was granted a superannuated relation at his own request.

On motion of R. H. Rust, the Conference Stewards were instructed to borrow from the Preachers' Relief Society an amount of \$150 in favor of William M. West, to be reimbursed from the Conference claimants' collection for next year.

On motion of J. F. Marlay, T. P. Walter was permitted to be left without appointment to attend Drew Theological Seminary.

Bishop Vincent called William Runyan to the chair, and retired with the Cabinet.

The Conference Stewards were permitted to retire.

J. W. Gaddis moved that a Committee be appointed to draft resolutions of esteem for Brother D. D. Cheney, about to be transferred to the Kansas Conference, said Committee to be composed of his Conference class.

The minutes of Monday morning's session were read and approved. The journal of the afternoon and evening sessions was also read and approved.

A. T. Cowgill offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Special Committee appointed in case of the N. W. Darlington bequest to the Church Extension Society be empowered to act with all other institutions that have received like bequests.

M. M. Kugler read the report of the Conference Board for Deaconess Work, and it was adopted.

C. W. Gullette read the report of the Committee on Deaconess Work and Christ's Hospital; also a report concerning a Home for Methodist Old People; and the reports were adopted. (See page 415.)

The report on Education was reconsidered, and H. D. Ketcham read an addition to the report concerning the Board of Education, which was adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Mrs. Anna H. Sandidge and Miss Sarah Doebler, deaconesses, were introduced to the Conference and given the Chautauqua salute.

On motion of C. L. Conger, the reports of the Tract Society and Sunday-school Union were received and ordered printed without reading.

The Committee on the Darlington Bequest reported through A. D. Maddox, and the report was adopted. (See Report, page 433.)

On motion of D. J. Starr, the Conference requested the *Xenia Gazette* to publish the action of last evening on Sabbath Observance.

The report of the Committee on the Centennial of Ohio Methodism, appointed last year, was read by H. D. Ketcham, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 424.)

William Runyan presented the report of the Special Committee on the Mears Bequest, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 438.)

Bishop Vincent then entered and resumed the chair.

Question Fifth—“*Who have been Continued on Trial?*”—was taken up. The following persons on trial were reported by the Examiners, continued on trial, and were assigned position in studies as follows: Howard L. Torbet in the Studies of the Second Year; Oliver P. Hoffman and John L. Duckwall, in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

The Eighth Question—“*What Members are in the Studies of the Third Year?*”—was taken up. The following reported their collections, were represented by the Examiners, and were advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year: Earl M. Ellsworth, Charles C. Peale, James A. Jenkinson, Clifford L. Myers, Charles L. Chapman, and Stephen B. Timmons. Harley E. Armacost was continued in the Studies of the Third Year, with permission to attend school.

The Twenty-second Question—“*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*”—was called, the character of each passed, and their relations were continued. (See page 355.)

On motion of E. T. Wells, F. M. Clemans was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

On motion of R. H. Rust, J. L. Glascock was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

The Twenty-third Question—“*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*”—was taken up, their names were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in the same relation. (For List, see page 355.)

On motion of G. H. Dart, J. R. Hunter was granted a superannuate relation.

By vote, a collection was ordered for William M. West. The amount received was \$37.67.

The Third Question—“*Who are Readmitted?*”—was called. On motion of D. Lee Aultman, George M. Hammell, who was located in 1889, was unanimously readmitted and given a supernumerary relation.

The Thirtieth Question—“*Where shall the Next Conference be held?*”—was taken up. On motion of William Runyan, the presiding elders were appointed a Commission to determine the place of assembling.

Presentation.—On behalf of the ministers of the Dayton District, Creighton Wones addressed the retiring presiding elder,

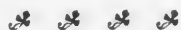
E. T. Wells, and presented him a substantial mahogany rocking-chair. Brother Wells, in appropriate words, expressed his gratitude and appreciation of the affection of the brethren.

The report of the Special Committee on National Affairs was read by F. G. Mitchell, and it was adopted by a count vote of 76 to 32. (See Report, page 423.)

On motion of H. D. Ketcham, the Secretary was instructed to communicate the sentiment expressed in the report with regard to the "army canteen" to President McKinley.

H. W. Bailey was excused from further attendance.

On motion of C. W. Barnes, the Conference adjourned to meet at half-past two. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Vincent.



SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON.

THE Conference reassembled at a quarter before three o'clock, with Bishop Vincent in the chair.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Fourth Question—"Who are Received on Trial?"—was called. The Committee on Qualifications of Applicants for Admission on Trial reported that, having considered the crowded condition of the Conference, they recommended the admission of not more than two candidates. The report was approved.

The recommendations of Lewis A. Washburn, from the Decatur Quarterly Conference, and Sheridan W. Bell, from the Clyde Quarterly Conference, were presented, their examinations were reported, and they were received on trial.

The appointment of A. B. Austin and J. W. Magruder as members of the Board of Examiners, in the place of C. W. Rishell and F. M. Clemans, was announced.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint Madison Swadener and S. D. Clayton as Conference evangelists.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by E. H. Cherington, and adopted by a rising vote.

On the motion of J. W. Gaddis, for a reconsideration of the report on National Affairs, a count was taken, and the motion was lost by a vote of 30 for and 50 against.

Nominations for the Board of Church Location were announced, and they were appointed by vote of the Conference. (For List, see page 322.)

The nominations for Triers of Appeals were read, and were adopted by the Conference. (See list, page 355.)

The Board of Church Extension of last year was re-elected. (See page 322.)

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the presiding elders were requested to furnish the Publishing Committee abstracts of their reports, and that two pages of space be allowed to each report.

J. W. Magruder read the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, and it was adopted. (See page 426.)

F. G. Mitchell presented a paper from the Board of Examiners referring to Conference studies, for publication in the Minutes, and it was so ordered. (See page 430.)

The nominations of the Conference Temperance Society were read, and they were elected. (See page 322.)

C. W. Horn, the Treasurer, read his report, and it was adopted. (See page 390.) It was ordered that the fractional sums in his hands be paid to the Publishing Committee to aid in bearing the expenses of publication. The amount was \$14.27.

The Treasurer was also ordered to pay the sums returned by the preachers for incidental expenses to J. J. McCabe, for use according to the purpose indicated.

On motion, a collection was taken up for the sexton of the Church where the Conference was held. It amounted to \$15.82.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Detailed Missionary Report was ordered omitted from the Minutes this year.

The Secretary was authorized to make arrangements with railroads for special rates to our next year's place of meeting.

G. W. Dubois moved the appointment of a Committee of five to confer with the Central Chapter of the Charles Wesley Brotherhood as to the nature and work of this society, to report to the Conference one year hence. The motion carried, and the following were appointed as the Committee: E. O. Buxton, M. E. Ketcham, W. A. Deaton, W. A. Robinson, and R. J. Wyckoff.

F. G. Mitchell presented the following report from the Special Committee on Bishop Walden's Letter:

Your Committee have read with great pleasure the letter of Bishop Walden, D. D., LL. D., an honorary member of this body, and find it rich in reminiscence, and glowing with love for his brethren of the Cincinnati Conference. Knowing how much it would be enjoyed, we recommend that, if time allow, it be read to us in full by the Secretary. Its historical

value demands its careful preservation, and we recommend that it be placed in charge of the Custodian of the Historical Society.

We recommend, also, that a Committee be appointed to write to the Bishop a suitable letter, and assure him of our unfailing love, and of our fervent prayer for his health and for the greatest possible usefulness in his high office.

We shall greet him with joy on his return, and meanwhile, bid him God-speed in all of his travels and labors.

J. G. MITCHELL,
EDWIN O. BUXTON,
H. C. WEAKLEY.

The report was accepted, and the letter was directed to be offered to the Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate* for publication; and, if not practicable for use there, it was ordered printed in the Minutes.

C. F. Enyart moved that Statistical Table No. II be printed in the Minutes only by district totals. It was so directed.

H. C. Weakley offered the following:

WHEREAS, Brother Wilbur N. Mason has been transferred to the New England Conference;

Resolved, That we learn of this fact with sincere regret, he being one of our own boys, and that we will cordially welcome him back to this Conference whenever he shall desire to return.

H. C. WEAKLEY, J. A. STORY,
HEBER D. KETCHAM, J. W. MAGRUDER.

On motion of Edmund Burdsall, the same resolution was made to apply to Brother D. D. Cheney's transfer to the Kansas Conference.

The Bishop announced the transfer of James E. Gilbert from the Indiana Conference, to be a member of the Asbury Quarterly Conference; also the transfer of Wm. E. Putt, of the Kansas Conference.

T. H. Pearne moved that, after the reading of the journal of this session and the announcement of the Appointments, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*. It was so agreed.

The minutes of the present session were read and approved.

After a brief address, the Bishop announced the Appointments for the ensuing year, and adjourned the Conference with a benediction.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30th.

- 7.30 P. M.—Anniversary of the Cincinnati Conference Historical Society. Address, Dr. T. H. Pearne. Paper on The History of First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Xenia, by Mrs. Maria B. Drees; read by Dr. C. W. Drees, of South America. Paper on Dr. Michael Marlay, by Bishop Edward Thomson; read by Dr. T. H. Pearne. The History of the Cincinnati Annual Conference by Dr. J. P. Porter. Paper: Rev. John Kobler, Ohio's First Itinerant Preacher, by Merrick E. Ketcham.
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31st.

- 3.00 P. M.—Annual Missionary Sermon, Rev. E. O. Buxton, D. D., Avondale, Cincinnati.
 4.00 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. C. W. Barnes, D. D., Lockland, Wyoming.
 7.00 P. M.—Anniversary of the Preachers' Relief Society. Addresses: Bishop J. H. Vincent, D. D., LL. D.; Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D.
 8.00 P. M.—Anniversary of the Church Extension Society. Address: Rev. A. J. Kynett, D. D., LL. D.
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st.

- 2.00 P. M.—Anniversary of Woman's Home Missionary Society. Addresses: Mrs. R. S. Rust, Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D.
 4.00 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. E. H. Cherington.
 7.30 P. M.—Anniversary of the Epworth League. Address: Rev. D. H. Moore, D. D., LL. D.
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2d.

- 2.00 P. M.—Anniversary of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Address: Prof. W. F. Oldham, D. D.
 4.00 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. A. C. Turrell.
 7.00 P. M.—Anniversary of American Bible Society. Addresses: Rev. G. W. Dubois, Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D., Ph. D.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3d.

- 2.00 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. Geo. V. Morris.
7.00 P. M.—Anniversary of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Address: Rev. W. H. W. Rees, D. D.
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th.

- 9.00 A. M.—Conference Love-feast. Rev. Wm. Runyan, Leader.
10.30 A. M.—Sermon, Bishop John H. Vincent, D. D., LL. D.
12.30 P. M.—Ordination of Deacons and Elders. Sermon by President C. J. Little, D. D., LL. D.
6.30 P. M.—Epworth League, Led by Rev. H. D. Ketcham. Addresses: Rev. W. L. Y. Davis, H. W. Bailey, Ph. D.
7.30 P. M.—Missionary Anniversary. Address: Rev. W. T. Smith, D. D.
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th.

- 2.00 P. M.—Memorial Service.
4.00 P. M.—Lecture on "Modern Methods of Defending the Faith," Prof. Marcus D. Buell, D. D.
7.00 P. M.—Anniversary of the Conference Temperance Society. Address: Rev. P. A. Baker, D. D.

Each morning, at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop J. H. Vincent addressed the Conference on Paul's Epistle to Timothy.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*
 William B. Brown, from the Des Moines Conference; James E. Gilbert, from the Indiana Conference; William E. Putt, from the Kansas Conference; Davis W. Clark, from the Kentucky Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

George M. Hammell. Located, Cincinnati Conference, 1889.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
 None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—Lewis A. Washburn, Sheridan Bell.

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR—None.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—None.

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR. — Howard L. Torbet, Samuel A. Stephan.

(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR. — William L. Spence, Warren J. Dunham, Henry C. Hutchinson.

(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR. — John L. Duckwall, Oliver P. Hoffman.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—None.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—James A. Geisinger, Archie W. Hook, Lewis E. Linzell, George B. Shanor.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—James A. Geisinger, Archie W. Hook, Lewis E. Linzell.

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY. — Harley E. Armacost.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Homer D. Curless, Edward L. Hollingsworth, William D. English. Charles L. Chapman, Earl M. Ellsworth, James A. Jenkinson, Clifford L. Myers, Charles C. Peale, Stephen B. Timmons.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—Rufus J. Wyckoff, George H. Smith.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY. — George B. Shanor.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

- (a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—None.
(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

- (a) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—None.
(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

It was, in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Wilbur N. Mason to the New England Conference (Probationer, Deacon—Passed in all studies). Benjamin F. Oswald, to the Ohio Conference (Traveling Deacon in Fourth Year's Studies). David D. Cheney, to the Kansas Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*

George T. Perry, Timothy Wones, Newton W. Darlington, Silas Bennett, Asbury Lowrey, James Stephenson.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

William H. Black, David Herr.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

W. Q. Shannon, Sylvester Weeks, C. J. Hartley, W. G. Warner, W. B. Moler, Adam Bowers, C. J. Wells, F. M. Clemans, J. L. Glascock, George M. Hammell, Jonathan Verity.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

L. F. Young, F. W. Hypes, J. H. Middleton, J. F. Loyd, W. T. McMullen, Michael Kauffman, Adam Miller, A. M. Griffith, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, W. H. Sutherland, G. W. Fee, W. I. Fee, J. L. Gregg, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, J. W. Cassatt, H. M. Keck, R. A. Arthur, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, S. W. Carey, Thomas J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, J. G. Black, J. W. Hickman, J. T. Bail, S. B. Smith, J. P. Shultz, Patrick Carland, W. M. West, William P. Jackson, J. R. Hunter.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

William Runyan, J. E. Abrams, J. T. Bail, E. Burdsall, V. F. Brown, D. J. Starr, C. M. Van Pelt.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

Members, 51,424; increase, 372. Probationers, 2,057; decrease, 587.
(See Statistical Table.)

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$27,295.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$10,458.54.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$6,539.31. (See Steward's Report, page 388.)

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

(See List of Appointments, page 357.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

The Presiding Elders will determine.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two names, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon. 5. Names of undergraduates in *Italics*.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

1. R. H. RUST, Presiding Elder, 5.
P O., Avondale, Cincinnati, O.
2. Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge,—
T. D. Moore, 1.
3. Carthage and Elmwood Place,—
S. G. Pollard, 1.

CINCINNATI:

4. Asbury, . . . W. H. Spybey, 1.
5. Avondale, . . . E. O. Buxton, 5.
6. Christie, J. R. Colley, 3.
7. Clifton, C. E. Schenk, 4.
8. Columbia, . . . W. A. Deaton, 4.
9. Cumminsville,—
William Runyan, 2.
10. Delta Ave., . . . D. J. Starr, 3.
11. E. Pearl Street, . J. T. Bail, 1.
12. Fairmount, . F. M. Kirgau, 1.
13. Finley, . . . *J. A. Geissinger*, 3.
14. Hopple Street, C. T. Crum, 1.
15. Linwood, . . . *C. L. Myers*, 4.
16. McKendree, . . . B. D. Hypes, 3.
17. Mt. Auburn, . R. J. Wyckoff, 3.
18. Mt. Lookout, . J. W. Gaddis, 4.
19. Price Hill, . *Sheridan Bell*, 1.
20. Riverside, . . . To be Supplied.
21. St. John, . . [Geo. E. Johnson].
22. St. Paul, . . . P. C. Curnick, 2.
23. Trinity, . . . W. A. Robinson, 1.
" *Assistant*, D. W. Clark, 1.
24. Walnut Hills, G. W. Dubois, 3.
25. Wesley Chapel,—
Gervaise Roughton, 2.
26. Westwood, . . M. M. Kugler, 5.
27. York Street, Edw. McHugh, 1.
28. Cleves, F. C. English, 1.
29. Delhi, . . . H. A. M. Henderson, 3.
30. Groesbeck, . . . *W. J. Dunham*, 1.
31. Hartwell, . . . W. H. Wehrly, 3.
32. Harrison, . . . Henry Hershey, 2.
33. Lockland-Wyoming,—
E. T. Wells, 1.
34. Madisonville, . J. L. Shively, 2.
35. Mount Washington,—
S. B. Timmons, 1.
36. Newtown, L. M. Davis, 2.

NORWOOD:

37. First Church, W. L. Y. Davis, 4.
38. Grace Church,—
M. E. Ketcham, 5.
39. Winton Place, . . A. B. Austin, 4.
40. R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary
of the Freedmen's Aid and
Southern Education Society,
member of St. Paul (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.
41. C. H. Payne, Corresponding Secretary
of the Board of Education,
member of St. Paul (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.
42. J. W. Bashford, President of Ohio
Wesleyan University, member
of Walnut Hills (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.
43. H. C. Weakley, Corresponding
Secretary of the Deaconess
Home Association, member
of Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.
44. George K. Morris, Professor
Practical Theology in the Boston
School of Theology of the
Boston University, member
of St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly
Conference.
45. W. K. Brown, Professor Twin
Valley College, member of St.
Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly
Conference.
46. M. Swadener, Conference Evangelist,
member of Trinity (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.
47. James E. Gilbert, Member of Asbury
Quarterly Conference.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

48. J. F. MARLAY, Presiding Elder, 1.
P. O., Dayton, O.
49. Bethany, . . . J. A. Easton, 2.
50. Camden and Somerville,—
C. L. Chapman, 1.
51. Centerville, . . . Philip Trout, 3.
52. Concord, . . . [J. F. Ziegler,] 1.

DAYTON:

53. Broadway, Creighton Wones, 1.
54. Grace, . . . C. W. Gullette, 1.
55. Riverdale, . . G. W. Vorhis, 2.
56. Raper, . . . J. J. McCabe, 1.
57. St. Paul, . . J. G. Vaughan, 1.
58. Trinity, . . . J. P. Ninde, 5.
59. Eaton, . . . L. E. Prentiss, 1.
60. Ebenezer and Homestead Ave.,—
O. P. Hoffmann, 1.
61. Fairhaven, . . I. R. Marshall, 3.
62. Fort Jefferson, . [Fee Naylor,] 1.
63. Franklin, . . . G. V. Morris, 2.
64. Germantown, . . *H. L. Torbet*, 2.
65. Glendale and Pt. Union,—
W. M. Coffman, 3.
66. Gordon, . . . J. A. Winkler, 1.
67. Hamilton, . . . J. W. Peters, 5.
68. Lewisburg, . . J. W. Patton, 2.
69. Miamisburg, . . J. E. Abrams, 1.
70. Middletown, . . D. L. Aultman, 2.
71. Monroe, . . Andrew Hamilton, 1.
72. New Paris, . . L. O. Deputy, 1.
73. Osborn, . . . W. M. Patton, 4.
74. Oxford, . . . J. P. Porter, 3.
75. Red Lion and Merrittstown,—
G. L. Tufts, 2.
76. Seven Mile, . . J. H. Lease, 3.
77. Springboro and Lytlestown,—
J. McK. Shultz, 3.
78. Venice (Ross P. O.),—
O. D. Becker, 1.
79. Walker and Union,—
[F. J. Reinbarth,] 1.
80. West Alexandria, [A. S. Boyer,] 1.
81. West Carrollton, A. K. Stabler, 2.
82. West Chester,—
J. A. Jenkinson, 2.
83. West Elkton, Thomas Cundy, 2.
84. T. Collett, Financial Secretary
Preachers' Relief Society,
member of Middletown Quar-
terly Conference.

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GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

85. G. H. DART, Presiding Elder, 4.
P. O., Milford, O.
86. Aberdeen, . . . C. W. Horn, 3.
87. Amelia, . . . A. L. Brokaw, 2.
88. Batavia, . . . H. W. Bailey, 2.
89. Bethel, . . . A. G. Newton, 3.
90. Butlerville (Pleasant Plains),—
W. R. Buckles, 1.
91. Centenary (Mulberry),—
W. D. English, 1.
92. Chilo, . . . U. S. Brown, 1.
93. Decatur, . . . T. G. Williams, 3.
94. Feesburg, . . . C. H. Kalbfus, 1.
95. Felicity, . . . G. B. Shanor, 3.
96. Georgetown, . . C. F. Enyart, 3.
97. Goshen, . . . J. H. McNary, 1.
98. Laurel, . . . J. H. Davis, 1.
99. Lebanon, Edmund Burdsall, 3.
100. Loveland, . . . E. S. Gaddis, 4.
101. Maineville, . . G. M. Fulton, 1.
102. Manchester, . . W. J. Baker, 1.
103. Marathon, . . . W. S. Gray, 2.
104. Mason, . . . W. A. Wiant, 2.
105. Milford, . . . J. W. Mason, 4.
106. Montgomery,—
L. A. Washburn, 1.
107. Morrow, . . . W. E. Putt, 1.
108. Moscow, . . . J. D. Darling, 4.
109. New Richmond, . J. E. Beery, 1.
110. Owensville, . . . I. E. Price, 2.
111. Ripley, . . . D. C. Vance, 1.
112. S. Lebanon, . . J. S. Whitney, 1.
113. Summerside, W. E. Spurrier, 3.
114. West Union, . . G. S. Easton, 1.
115. Williamsburg, . . E. T. Lane, 1.
116. Williamsburg Circuit,—
W. E. Shiver, 1.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

117. T. H. PEARNE, Pres. Elder, 6.
P. O., Hillsboro, O.
118. Belfast (Bell), D. A. McColm, 1.
119. Blanchester, . . C. H. Haines, 1.
120. Bowersville, . . C. C. Peale, 3.
121. Centerfield, . . To be Supplied.
122. Clarksville, . . J. S. Ruggles, 1.
123. Dunkinsville, . . To be Supplied.
124. Greenfield, . . F. G. Mitchell, 2.
125. Hillsboro Cir., To be Supplied.

126. Highland, . J. E. H. Sentman, 4.
127. Hillsboro, . Marion LeSourd, 2.
128. Jamestown, U. G. Humphrey, 1.
129. Leesburg, . . H. C. Middleton, 3.
130. Lynchburg, . . R. E. Smith, 2.
131. Martinsville, . J. F. McColm, 1.
132. Mount Orab, . . D. S. Ewry, 1.
133. New Burlington, R. K. Deem, 1.
134. New Jasper, . . C. W. Briggs, 2.
135. New Vienna, . . John Wilson, 2.
136. Peebles, A. W. Hook, 2.
137. Rainsboro, . . H. G. Curless, 1.
138. Sabina, G. P. Austin, 3.
139. Sinking Spring,—
J. L. Duckwall, 2.
140. Sugar Tree Ridge,—
W. B. Brown, 2.
141. Union (Spring Valley),—
J. A. White, 2.
142. Waynesville, . A. T. Cowgill, 5.
143. Wilmington, . John Pearson, 1.
144. Winchester, . . . G. H. Smith, 1.

XENIA :

145. First Church, A. C. Turrell, 1.
146. Trinity, . . C. M. Van Pelt, 5.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

147. C. W. BARNES, Pres. Elder, 1.
P. O., Springfield, O.
148. Arcanum, . . . L. E. Linzell, 1.
149. Brandt,—
E. L. Hollingsworth, 1.
150. Catawba, . . S. W. Campbell, 3.
151. Cedarville, . . A. D. Maddox, 2.
152. Christiansburg, W. L. Spence, 3.
153. Covington, . . G. L. Travis, 1.
154. Dialton, . . . R. S. McColm, 2.
155. Greenville, . . C. L. Conger, 4.
156. King's Creek, . To be Supplied.
157. Mechanicsburg, A. N. Spahr, 1.

158. Mutual, J. L. Dalbey, 2.
159. New Carlisle, C. L. Mackey, 1.
160. New Moorefield, J. F. Laird, 2.

PIQUA :

161. Grace, F. E. Vance, 2.
162. Greene St., H. D. Ketcham, 2.
163. South Charleston,—
J. S. Pumphrey, 1.
164. South Charleston Circuit,—
D. W. C. Washurn, 1.

SPRINGFIELD :

165. Central, V. F. Brown, 4.
166. Clifton Ave., C. D. Munsey, 2.
167. Grace, . . E. M. Ellsworth, 2.
168. High Street, . . J. A. Story, 4.
169. St. Paul, . J. W. Magruder, 2.
170. Tippecanoe City, . J. R. Hill, 5.
171. Tremont City, Frank Leever, 2.
172. Troy, S. O. Royal, 4.
173. Troy Circuit, . O. M. Sellers, 3.

URBANA :

174. First Church, M. B. Fuller, 3.
175. Grace, . E. H. Cherrington, 1.
176. Yellow Springs, C. W. Elliott, 1.
177. A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, member of Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
178. C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston School of Theology, member of Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.
179. H. E. Armacost, S. A. Stephan, T. P. Walter, and H. C. Hutchinson, left without appointments, to attend school.
180. S. D. Clayton, Conference Evangelist.
181. F. M. Clemans, Supernumerary, with appointment as "Superintendent of Cincinnati District Anti-saloon League."

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service.

- W. Q. Shannon, 33, First Church, Xenia, Quarterly Conference.
 W. B. Moler, 33, Springfield, O., Quarterly Conference.
 Adam Bowers, 29, Greene St., Piqua, Quarterly Conference.
 Jonathan Verity, 30, San Diego, Cal.
 Sylvester Weeks, 37, Eustis, Fla.; Winton Place Quarterly Conference.
 Charles Hartley, 7, Coaldale, Ohio.
 Charles J. Wells, 25, Norfolk, Va.
 W. G. Warner, 12, Oxford Quarterly Conference.
 F. M. Clemans, 32, Washington C. H., Ohio.
 J. L. Glascock, 11, Mt. Lookout Quarterly Conference.
 Geo. M. Hammell, 12, St. Paul, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

- R. A. Arthur, 26, Addison, West Va.
 W. N. Maxey, 9, Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.
 J. I. Taggart, 5, Rainsboro Quarterly Conference.
 W. T. McMullen, 15, Owensville Quarterly Conference.
 M. Kauffman, 37, St. Paul, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
 Adam Miller, 18, Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.
 A. M. Griffith, 19, Sabina Quarterly Conference.
 S. N. Marsh, 13, San Fernando, Cal.
 J. F. Hull, 17, Rowland, Ala.
 T. E. Fidler, 30, Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
 J. G. Black, 37, New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
 H. M. Keck, 32, Hamilton Quarterly Conference.
 M. P. Zink, 40, Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
 G. M. Edgar, 34, Winchester Quarterly Conference.
 George W. Fee, 28, Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.
 John L. Gregg, 30, Manhattan, Kan.
 John Vance, 35, New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
 S. W. Carey, 19, Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
 Thomas J. Harris, 29, Norwood Quarterly Conference.
 John W. Cassatt, 42, Greenville Quarterly Conference.
 F. W. Hypes, 34, Centenary Quarterly Conference.
 J. H. Middleton, 36, Greenfield Quarterly Conference.
 J. F. Loyd, 44, Delaware, O.
 S. W. Edmiston, 33, Winchester Quarterly Conference.
 E. P. James, 38, Delaware, O., Williams St. Quarterly Conference.
 W. H. Sutherland, 55, Wyoming, O.
 J. W. Hickman, 13, Pursley, W. Va.
 L. F. Young, 23, Georgetown Quarterly Conference.
 J. T. Bail, 49, Norwood Quarterly Conference.
 S. B. Smith, 45, 44 Madison St., Grand Rapids, Michigan.
 J. P. Shultz, 40, New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
 Patrick Carland, 27, Dayton, Broadway Quarterly Conference.
 W. P. Jackson, 33, Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
 William I. Fee, 55, Green Street, Piqua, Quarterly Conference.
 W. N. West, 27, Newtown Quarterly Conference.
 J. R. Hunter, 29, Lebanon Quarterly Conference.

III. Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Consent Bishop..	RESIDENCE.
		Conference.	Y'r		
THOMAS BOWMAN.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872	Evanston, Ill.
RANDOLPH SINKS FOSTER.....	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	1872	Roxbury, Mass.
STEPHEN MASON MERRILL.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
EDWARD GAYER ANDREWS.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida.....	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
HENRY WHITE WARREN.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Denver, Colo.
CYRUS DAVID FOSS.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
JOHN FLETCHER HURST.....	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark.....	1859	1880	Washington, D. C.
WILLIAM XAVIER NINDE.....	June 21, 1832	Black River..	1856	1884	Detroit, Mich.
JOHN MORGAN WALDEN.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati..	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
WILLARD FRANCIS MALLALIEU.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1859	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
CHARLES HENRY FOWLER.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River..	1861	1884	Buffalo, N. Y.
* WILLIAM TAYLOR.....	May 2, 1821	Baltimore.....	1843	1884	Bishop of Africa.
JOHN HEYL VINCENT.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey..	1853	1888	Topeka, Kan.
JAMES NEWBURY FITZGERALD.....	July 27, 1837	Newark.....	1862	1888	St. Louis, Mo.
ISAAC WILSON JOYCE.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N.W. Indiana	1859	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.
JOHN PHILIP NEWMAN.....	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida.....	1848	1888	San Francisco, Cal.
DANIEL AYRES GOODSELL.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East....	1859	1888	Chattanooga, Tenn.
* JAMES MILLS THOBURN.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
CHARLES C. MCCABE.....	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	1896	Fort Worth, Tex.
EARL CRANSTON.....	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	1896	Portland, Ore.
* JOSEPH C. HARTZELL.....	..... 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Africa.

* Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—1. Sa. stands for Superannuated, Sn. for Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise stated.

No. of Years Effective..	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
9	Abrams, J. E.,	69	Miamisburg.
26	Arthur, R. A.,	Sa.	Addison, W. Va.
3	<i>Armacost, H. E.,</i>	179	Delaware.
26	Aultman, D. L.,	70	Middletown.
12	Austin, A. B.,	39	Winton Place.
15	Austin, G. P.,	138	Sabina.
49	Bail, J. T.,	Sa.	Norwood, Cin'ti, O.
23	Bailey, H. W.,	88	Batavia.
24	Baker, W. J.,	102	Manchester.
17	Barnes, C. W.,	147	Springfield.
23	Bashford, J. W.,	42	Delaware.
10	Becker, O. D.,	78	Ross.
7	Beery, J. E.,	109	New Richmond.
...	<i>Bell, Sheridan,</i>	19	Cincinnati.
38	Black, J. G.,	Sa.	New Carlisle.
29	Bowers, A.,	Sn.	Piqua.
11	Briggs, C. W.,	134	New Jasper.
6	Brokaw, A. L.,	87	Amelia.

No. of Years Effective..	NAME.	No. in List of Appointmts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
19	Brown, V. F.,	165	Springfield.
42	Brown, W. K.,	45	Cincinnati.
...	Brown, Wm. B.,	140	Sugar Tree Ridge.
29	Burdsall, E.,	99	Lebanon.
17	Buxton, E. O.,	5	Avondale.
12	Campbell, S. W.,	150	Catawba.
19	Carey, S. W.,	Sa.	Urbana.
...	Carland, Patrick,	Sa.	Dayton.
42	Cassatt, J. W.,	Sa.	Greenville.
3	Chapman, C. L.,	50	Camden.
16	Cherington, E. H.,	175	Urbana.
23	Clark, Davis W.,	23	Cincinnati.
46	Clayton, S. D.,	180	Dayton.
32	Clemans, F. M.,	Sn.	Dayton.
8	Coffman, W. M.,	61	Glendale.
48	Collett, T.,	81	Middletown.
12	Colley, J. R.,	6	Wesley Av., Cin.
20	Conger, C. L.,	155	Greenville.
13	Cowgill, A. T.,	142	Waynesville.
31	Crum, C. T.,	14	Cincinnati.
24	Cundy, T.,	83	West Elkton.
4	Curless, H. G.,	137	Rainsboro.
9	Curnick, P. C.,	22	Cincinnati.
15	Dalbey, J. L.,	158	Mutual.
7	Darling, J. D.,	108	Moscow.
42	Dart, G. H.,	85	Milford.
24	Davis, J. H.,	98	Laurel.
27	Davis, L. M.,	36	Newtown.
7	Davis, Wilbur L. Y.,	37	Norwood, Cin.
7	Deaton, W. A.,	8	Cincinnati.
35	Deem, R. K.,	133	New Burlington.
18	Deputy, L. O.,	72	New Paris.
23	Dubois, G. W.,	24	Walnut Hills, Cin.
1	Duckwall, J. L.,	139	Sinking Spring.
2	Dunham, W. J.,	30	Groesbeck.
18	Easton, G. S.,	114	West Union.
24	Easton, J. A.,	49	Bethany.
34	Edgar, G. M.,	Sa.	Winchester.
33	Edmiston, S. W.,	Sa.	Winchester.
10	Elliott, C. W.,	176	Yellow Springs.
3	Ellsworth, E. M.,	167	Springfield.
5	English, F. C.,	28	Cleves.
4	English, W. D.,	91	Mulberry.
7	Enyart, C. F.,	96	Georgetown.
7	Ewry, D. S.,	132	Mt. Orab.
29	Fee, G. W.,	Sa.	Mt. Orab.
54	Fee, W. I.,	Sa.	Piqua.
30	Fidler, T. E.,	Sa.	Urbana.
8	Fuller, M. B.,	174	Urbana.
14	Fulton, G. M.,	101	Mainville.
24	Gaddis, J. W.,	18	Mt. Lookout, Cin.
9	Gaddis, E. S.,	100	Loveland.
2	Geissinger, J. A.,	13	Cincinnati.
28	Gilbert, Jas. E.,	47	Washington, D. C.

No. of Years Effective.	NAME.	No. in List of Appointmts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
11	Glascoek, J. L.,	Sn.	Mt. Lookout, Cin.
8	Gray, W. S.,	103	Marathon.
30	Gregg, J. L.,	Sa.	Manhattan, Kan.
19	Griffith, A. M.,	Sa.	Sabina.
21	Gullette, C. W.,	54	Dayton.
18	Haines, C. H.,	119	Blanchester.
31	Hamilton, A.,	71	Monroe.
12	Hammell, Geo. M.,	Sn.	Cincinnati.
29	Harris, T. J.,	Sa.	Norwood.
7	Hartley, C. J.,	Sn.	Coaldale.
40	Henderson, H. A. M.,	29	Delhi.
10	Hershey, H.,	32	Harrison.
13	Hickman, J. W.,	Sa.	Williamsburg.
8	Hill, J. R.,	170	Tippecanoe City.
1	Hoffman, O. P.,	60	Dayton.
4	Hollingsworth, E. L.,	149	Brandt.
2	Hook, A. W.,	136	Peebles.
7	Horn, C. W.,	86	Aberdeen.
17	Hull, J. F.,	Sa.	Rowland, Ala.
8	Humphrey, U. G.,	128	Jamestown.
29	Hunter, J. R.,	Sa.	Lebanon.
4	Hutchinson, H. C.,	179	At School.
19	Hypes, B. D.,	16	Cincinnati.
34	Hypes, F. W.,	Sa.	Owensville.
33	Jackson, W. P.,	Sa.	Hillsboro.
38	James, E. P.,	Sa.	Delaware.
3	Jenkinson, J. A.,	82	West Chester.
27	Kalbfus, C. H.,	94	Feesburg.
37	Kauffman, M.,	Sa.	Springfield.
32	Keck, H. M.,	Sa.	Hamilton.
14	Ketcham, H. D.,	162	Piqua.
16	Ketcham, M. E.,	38	Norwood, Cincinnati.
18	Kirgan, F. M.,	12	Fairmount.
21	Kugler, M. M.,	26	Westwood.
13	Laird, J. F.,	160	New Moorefield.
19	Lane, E. T.,	115	Williamsburg.
40	Lease, J. H.,	76	Seven Mile.
22	Leever, F.,	171	Tremont City.
38	Leonard, A. B.,	177	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
17	LeSourd, M.,	127	Hillsboro.
2	Linzell, L. E.,	149	Arcanum.
44	Loyd, J. F.,	Sa.	Delaware.
6	Mackey, C. L.,	156	New Carlisle.
9	Magruder, J. W.,	169	Springfield.
22	Maddox, A. D.,	151	Cedarville.
48	Marlay, J. F.,	48	Dayton.
13	Marsh, S. N.,	Sa.	Montecito, Cal.
7	Marshall, I. R.,	61	Fair Haven.
42	Mason, John W.,	105	Milford.
9	Maxey, W. N.,	Sa.	Russell.
16	McCabe, J. J.,	56	Dayton.
20	McColm, D. A.,	118	Belfast.
24	McColm, J. F.,	131	Martinsville.
9	McColm, R. S.,	154	Dialton.

No. of Years Effective . .	NAME.	No. in List of Appointments.	P. O. ADDRESS.
42	McHugh, E.,	27	Cincinnati.
15	McMullen, W. T.,	Sa.	Owensville.
8	McNary, J. H.,	97	Goshen.
35	Middleton, H. C.,	129	Leesburg.
36	Middleton, J. H.,	Sa.	Greenfield.
18	Miller, A.,	Sa.	Chicago, Ill.
31	Mitchell, F. G.,	124	Greenfield.
10	Moore, T. D.,	2	Bond Hill.
38	Morris, G. K.,	44	Malden, Mass.
8	Morris, G. V.,	63	Franklin.
33	Moler, W. B.,	Sn.	Springfield.
19	Munsey, C. D.,	166	Springfield.
3	Myers, C. L.,	15	Linwood.
11	Newton, A. G.,	89	Bethel.
9	Ninde, J. P.,	58	Dayton.
5	Patton, J. W.,	68	Lewisburg.
7	Patton, W. M.,	73	Osborn.
41	Payne, C. H.,	41	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
3	Peale, C. C.,	120	Bowersville.
55	Pearne, T. H.,	117	Hillsboro.
33	Pearson, Jno.,	143	Wilmington.
32	Peters, J. W.,	67	Hamilton.
23	Pollard, S. G.,	3	Carthage.
34	Porter, J. P.,	74	Oxford.
22	Prentiss, L. E.,	59	Eaton.
9	Price, I. E.,	110	Owensville.
25	Pumphrey, J. S.,	163	South Charleston.
...	Putt, W. E.,	107	Morrow.
20	Rishell, C. W.,	178	Newton, Mass.
27	Robinson, W. A.,	23	Cincinnati.
21	Royal, S. O.,	172	Troy.
8	Roughton, G.,	25	Cincinnati.
19	Ruggles, J. S.,	122	Clarksville.
35	Runyan, Wm.,	9	Station A, Cincinnati.
29	Rust, R. H.,	1	Cincinnati.
56	Rust, R. S.,	40	Cincinnati.
7	Schenk, C. E.,	7	Clifton, Cincinnati.
11	Sellers, O. M.,	173	Troy.
23	Sentman, J. E. H.,	126	Highland.
33	Shannon, W. Q.,	Sn.	Xenia.
3	Shanor, G. B.,	95	Felicity.
14	Shively, J. L.,	34	Madisonville.
38	Shultz, J. McK.,	77	Springboro.
40	Shultz, J. P.,	Sa.	New Carlisle.
32	Smith, R. E.,	130	Lynchburg.
45	Smith, S. B.,	Sa.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
6	Smith, G. H.,	144	Winchester.
43	Spahr, A. N.,	157	Mechanicsburg.
2	Spence, W. L.,	152	Christiansburg.
9	Spurrier, W. E.,	113	Summerside.
7	Spybey, Wm. H.,	4	Cincinnati.
5	Stabler, A. K.,	81	W. Carrollton.
39	Starr, David Judson,	10	Cincinnati.
2	Stephan, S. A.,	179	At School.

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21	Story, J. A.,	168	Springfield.
55	Sutherland, W. H.,	Sa.	Wyoming.
18	Swadener, M.,	45	Logansport, Ind.
5	Taggart, J. I.,	Sa.	Rainsboro.
4	<i>Timmons, S. B.</i> ,	35	Mt. Washington.
1	<i>Torbet, H. L.</i> ,	64	Germantown.
31	Travis, G. L.,	153	Covington.
9	Trout, P.,	51	Centerville.
14	Tufts, G. L.,	75	Red Lion.
8	Turrell, A. C.,	145	Xenia.
34	Vance, D. C.,	111	Ripley.
13	Vance, F. E.,	161	Piqua.
35	Vance, John,	Sa.	New Moorefield.
8	Van Pelt, C. M.,	146	Xenia.
16	Vaughan, J. G.,	57	Dayton.
30	Verity, J.,	Sn.	San Diego, Cal.
7	Vorhis, G. W.,	55	Dayton.
11	Walter, T. P.,	179	Madison, N. J.
12	Warner, W. G.,	Sn.	Oxford.
10	Washburn, D. W. C.,	164	South Charleston.
...	<i>Washburn, L. A.</i> ,	106	Montgomery.
21	Weakley, H. C.,	43	Cincinnati.
37	Weeks, Sylvester,	Sn.	Florida.
8	Wehrly, W. H.,	31	Hartwell.
25	Wells, C. J.,	Sn.	Norfolk, Va.
31	Wells, E. T.,	33	Wyoming.
27	West, W. M.,	Sa.	Branch Hill.
21	White, J. A.,	141	Spring Valley.
28	Whitney, J. S.,	112	South Lebanon.
7	Wiant, W. A.,	104	Mason.
10	Williams, T. G.,	93	Decatur.
28	Wilson, J.,	135	New Vienna.
8	Winkler, J. A.,	66	Gordon.
16	Wones, Creighton,	53	Dayton.
3	Wyckoff, R. J.,	17	Mt. Auburn, Cin.
23	Young, L. F.,	Sa.	Georgetown.
40	Zink, M. P.,	Sa.	Hillsboro.

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[N. B.—The numbers opposite each name indicate the number of years of effective service rendered by the husband.]

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Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 1426 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., 31.	Meredith, Mrs. C. G., Springfield, O., 8.
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Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O., 12.	McDonald, Mrs. N., Springfield, O., 20.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, Ohio, 34.	McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cincinnati, 37.
Callahan, Mrs. D., Georgetown, O., 12.	Miller, Mrs. Henry, 4142 Kirby Ave., Cumminsville, Cincinnati, O., 24.
Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O., 44.	Murray, Mrs. Jas., Marysville, O., 31.
Darlington, Mrs. N. W., West Union, Ohio.	Newsom, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O., 38.
Dustin, Mrs. M., Dayton, O., 58.	Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn., 19.
Ellsworth, Mrs. W. I., Springfield, Ohio, 34.	Purkiser, Mrs. M. G., Hillsboro, O., 32.
Gaddis, Mrs. M. P., Dayton, O., 35.	Page, Mrs. I. C., Mechanicsburg, O., 7.
Glascok, Mrs. Benjamin, Muncie, Ind., 14.	Perry, Mrs. Geo. T., Lynchburg, O., 8.
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Hines, Mrs. W. E., Williamsburg, O., 21.	Shinn, Mrs. John, Marysville, O., 11.
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Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md., 17.	Smith, Mrs. E. C., Cleves, O., 18.
Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., Delaware, O., 35.	Tibbitts, Mrs. A. W., Jamestown, O., 40.
Keely, Mrs. J. W., Oxford, O., 6.	Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O., 43.
Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 127 S. 14th St., Richmond, Ind., 39.	Warnock, Mrs. D., Urbana, O., 35.
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Mathews, Mrs. J. McD., Hillsboro, Ohio, 40.	Wones, Mrs. T., Springfield, O., 8.

SUMMARY.

MINISTERS MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—

Superannuated,	36
Supernumerary,	11
Effective,	161
Total,	208

PROBATIONERS—

First Year,	2	Second Year,	7
Total,	9		

LOCAL PREACHERS, . . . 125

WIDOWS, 62

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics*; and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

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ASKEW, ROBERT, Cincinnati.
 Bacon, David G., Cincinnati.
 Benson, W. C., Cincinnati.
 Beatty, Bernard, Cincinnati.
Clark, David W., E. Walnut Hills.
Cornuelle, V., Madisonville.
Deubler, Joseph, Cincinnati.
 Fennis, —, Linwood, Cincinnati.
Gilson, W. H., Cincinnati.
 Halley, R. H., Cincinnati.
 Hirst, W. N., Cincinnati.
 Johnson, Geo. E., Bond Hill.
 Kennedy, Francis, Madisonville.
 Latimer, E. W., Cincinnati.
 LOCKE, J. H. Winton Place.
 MITCHELL, M., Mt. Auburn, Cin'ti.
 Myrick, F., Wyoming.
 RICHARDS, M. A., Norwood.
 Rowland, C. W., Mt. Lookout.
 SAVIN, R. T., Cincinnati.
 Simpkinson, W. A., Norwood.
 Walker, Nelson A., Cincinnati.
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Collins, Harry J., Dayton.
 Crowder, George, Heno.
 Cunningham, Jacob, Gratis.
Grennan, L. E., Oxford.
 HORNADAY, N., West Elkton.
 HOWREN, A. L., Brookville.
 JOHNSON, HIRAM, Eaton.
 Jones, T. S., Dayton.
McGinnis, A. D., West Elkton.
 PAYNE, DR. J. H., Middletown.
 Pierce, W. W., Gordon.
 Poling, Wm. B., Dayton.
 RICKETTS, S. B., Dayton.
Scott, Samuel, Dayton.
 Voris, J. S., Dayton.
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 Westlake, G. L. C., Sharonville.

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Burdsall, Josiah, Belfast.
Burdsall, J. W., Prall.
 Burdsall, Richard, Prall.
 Brown, U. S., Chilo.
Cox, Edward, Point Pleasant.
 DAILEY, DAVID, Williamsburg.
 DUNHAM, J. L., Bethel.

HAGERMAN, R. S., Camp Hagerman.
 Hibben, T. R., Fruit Hill.
Hill, J. P., Eastwood.
 Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
 Keith, M. M., Bentonville.
 Lewis, Wm., Amelia.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
 McMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
McNeilan, James, Dunkinsville.
McNeilan, S. B., Delaware.
 Moore, J. F., Felicity.
 Nichols, T. B., Mt. Pisgah.
 Naylor, Fee, Moscow.
 Rhodes, J. N., Afton.
 Richards, D. S., Felicity.
 Semple, Robert J., Cedar Mills.
 Shriver, W. E., Lebanon.
 Stevens, A. A., Rex, O.
 Stevenson, Henry S., Lebanon.
 Thompson, E. B., Beckon.
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 Van Hagen, G. E., Lebanon.
 Washburn, L. A., Decatur.
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Ferguson, D. S., Highland.
 Hamilton, S. H., Sinking Spring.
 Hardy, Chas. R., Leesburg.
 HARTLEY, Wm., Bell.
 Hill, John, Westboro.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
 KNOX, ELIJAH L., Samanutha.
 Manker, Hartley, Webberton.
 McKAY, R. F., Limberton.
 Milburn, W. D., Xenia.
 Nailor, J. S., Hillsboro.
 Oldaker, J. W., Russell's.
 REDKEY, MARTIN, Leesburg.
 Rembey, W. L., Mt. Orab.
 Roberts, Walter E., Semen.
 Rogers, J. H., Shiloh.
 SHADE, J. W., Hillsboro.
 Snodgrass, J., Hillsboro.
 THOMPSON, MILTON, Mt. Orab.
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SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Albright, S. P., Arcanum.
Bennett, C. W., Piqua.
 Clutch, David, Alcony.
 Crow, T. D., Urbana.
 Curry, Thos. J., Troy.
 De Shays, Jas. E., West Milton.
 Duckwall, John L., Springfield.
 Eiselstein, Geo., Springfield.
 GUNN, J. W., Springfield.
 Heard, Thomas, Piqua.
 Hubbell, George A., Yellow Springs.
 Hill, W. T., Enon.
 Johnson, Levi, Urbana.

Koch, J. E., Arcanum.
 Martz, Geo., Rockcastle, Ky.
 McElwain, Dennis, Cedarville.
Morris, Richard, W., New Carlisle.
 Mitchell, R. M., Springfield.
Raynor, William, Piqua.
Rozell, Joseph, Tippecanoe.
 Talbot, J. G., Urbana.
 Thompson, C. W., Covington.
 Townsend, Jas., Cable.
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IV.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

R. H. Rust, Presiding Elder.

THE benevolences of the Church have received careful attention during the past year, and the pastors have made energetic efforts to raise their apportionments. They have emphasized intelligent and systematic giving, and have made their appeals to conscience and judgment. Benevolence has been taught to be a necessary expression of Christian experience and character, and as real a duty as prayer, praise, and worship. The times of taking the collections have been arranged at the beginning of the year, and careful preparation has been made to secure the most generous response. There is an advance in the collections this year.

MONTHLY CONFERENCES.—A monthly meeting of the pastors with the presiding elder for consultation in regard to the interests of the district was arranged at the beginning of the year. Matters of a practical nature were considered, and suggestions made that were helpful in the work of the ministry. The presiding elder was brought in close touch with his preachers, and thus obtained facts and ideas that were valuable in the discharge of his official duties. These meetings have been profitable, and have awakened a spirit of unity and fellowship.

PASTORS AS EVANGELISTS.—The revival work of the year has been carried on largely by the pastors, and there is a growing feeling that they should be their own evangelists. The revival gift is an essential element in every minister of Jesus Christ. He should so preach as to awaken a sense of sin and guilt in the souls of the impenitent, and lead them to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Salvation must precede education, but education must follow salvation. The teaching element is an important part of the preacher's work, and without it his ministry is defective. Jesus commanded his disciples, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations to observe whatsoever I have commanded you."

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—The Epworth League has rendered excellent service during the year, and has been active in its co-operation with the pastors in their Church work. The members of the different Chapters have been faithful in attendance on the Sunday evening services.

The Quarterly Conferences have given testimony in favor of the helpfulness and efficiency of the Leagues. Many accessions to the Church have been from those who had been converted in their meetings.

Mr. Edward Shipley has been the popular and aggressive President of the District League, and the past year has been one of the best in its history.

WESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.—I feel that too much emphasis can not be placed upon the value of our denominational literature. It gives me special pleasure to recognize the exalted standard of excellence maintained by the *Western Christian Advocate* under the able editorship of Dr. D. H. Moore. The strength, variety, and fullness of its numerous departments make it a valuable paper. Thoroughly representative of all the interests and the best life and thought of our Church, it is entitled to a place in every Methodist home throughout our bounds. Our ministers do well to give all possible time and effort to the promotion of its circulation among our people.

THE METHODIST SOCIAL UNION of Cincinnati and vicinity held two public meetings during the past year; one in October for men only, at which time Rev. Frank Mason North, of New York City, addressed the members on the topic of "City Evangelization," followed by short addresses by some of our own people. Our brethren in the work of city evangelization in Cincinnati say much good was done by this meeting.

The February meeting, to which the ladies were invited, took the form of a reception to the General Book Committee of our Church, then in session in our city, and the presence of so many of our bishops, editors, and other honored officers of our Church, as well as the large body of representative Methodists, made it an occasion of great interest.

CINCINNATI CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.—There is perhaps no organization in the Cincinnati District which has accomplished more with the means at its disposal than the Cincinnati Church Extension Society.

The aggressive efforts of the past have been instrumental in the preservation of some of our imperiled Church properties, thus giving to these organizations further time in which to demonstrate their usefulness to the general situation. Several of our prosperous Churches generously attribute to the assistance of this Society the success of their building enterprises.

The past year has been devoted largely to improving the financial condition of the Society, and yet all of the missionary enterprises of former years have been maintained; 194 professions of conversion have been recorded in the missions; 26,500 people have heard the gospel from the Gospel Wagon in 88 meetings, resulting in 142 requests for prayer.

The Society is in excellent condition, is just exactly what is needed in the district to prosecute a work supplemental to that of the Churches, and is worthy of a generous support. Mr. Jesse R. Clark has been the superintendent, and the success of the Society has been largely due to his energy and enthusiasm.

OUR CINCINNATI DEACONESS work has made a fine advance during the last year, in the removal to the new quarters on Wesley Avenue. One of our generous laymen, having secured the Wesleyan College property, has given a lease for five years, free of rent, to the Deaconess Home Association, thereby giving ample time for the Church to demonstrate its sense of the need of such a property for this purpose, and an opportunity to indicate its appreciation in a practical way.

The greatest work of the deaconesses is wrought in Christ's Hospital, of which they have charge and are the attendants. About thirty of the deaconesses are on duty there constantly. This institution has just closed its best year as to helpfulness. The aim of the managers is to have this a strictly first-class hospital, and they are improving its appointments steadily. Our people need not hesitate to patronize this institution. Dr. H. C. Weakley is the efficient Corresponding Secretary.

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.—The efficiency of this institution as a Christianizing and elevating agency has been tested by eight years of successful missionary effort. It enters upon the ninth year of its history, free from debt, with a balance in the treasury, and with increased assur-

ance of the wisdom of its plans of work. The Home is economically managed, and the expenditures are not above the deaconess plan of support.

The evangelistic side of the work is very encouraging. The religious meetings are well attended, and several of the converts have joined St. Paul or other of the city Churches. The Sabbath-school, Mothers' Meeting, industrial classes for girls, and technical training for boys, have been successfully maintained.

The spacious building, besides accommodating the mission work and workers, also enables the management to offer the protection of a comfortable Christian home to young women who are maintaining themselves on small salaries. During the year forty-five have profited by its sheltering care. The Home in this feature of its work co-operates with the Young Women's Christian Association.

THE EPWORTH HEIGHTS CAMP-MEETING was held from July 31st to August 15th, including three Sundays. The meetings were well attended and profitable. The Sunday program consisted of sermons by the following ministers: Rev. De Witt Talmage, D. D., Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D., Dr. R. H. Rust, Rev. S. Montgomery, Rev. F. McElfresh, Rev. Dr. J. F. Berry. Rev. Paul C. Curnick, D. D., was the superintendent in charge.

CHRISTIE has had a year of prosperity under the pastorate of Rev. J. R. Colley. The audience-room has been tastefully frescoed, and is now an attractive place of worship. Christie is a strategic point in Cincinnati Methodism, and is maintaining its record of faithful service. Suffering from loss by death and removals, it moves forward with a brave and hopeful spirit, and is doing, under unfavorable conditions, as effective work as at any time in its history. Here is a center of revival power that was never more needed than now, and it is giving the people the pure gospel of Jesus Christ.

CLIFTON's beautiful church has just been freed from an indebtedness of seven thousand dollars, and is thus placed in a condition of greater efficiency. Valuable accessions have been made during the year, and there has been a decided gain in spiritual and financial strength. Rev. C. E. Schenk is the esteemed pastor. He is a close student, a Scriptural preacher, and a man of rare tact and judgment.

COLUMBIA is making real progress in all the departments of its work. There has been a marked advance each year of the present pastorate, and a larger range of influence has been secured and a stronger position in the community. The well-conducted Sunday-school, the vigorous Epworth League, the large prayer-meetings, and the increasing congregations are evidence of the character of the work which has been done. The tireless pastor, W. A. Deaton, with the active co-operation of his members and the aid of the Holy Spirit, has obtained these results.

CUMMINSVILLE has a fine church edifice in a desirable location on Chase Avenue, with a large increasing field. The serious hindrances to its more rapid growth, since its dedication four years ago, has been its heavy debt. This has placed a burden upon its membership which has taxed their energies to the utmost in efforts to meet their pressing financial obligations. The appointment of Dr. Runyan has proved to be providential. His wise management, his character as a man, and his ability as a preacher, have produced a marked improvement in this charge. He has reduced the debt about two thousand dollars, and thereby paid off all the floating indebtedness. He has also settled a serious difficulty between the Wesleyan Cemetery and the Church, which was in litigation.

ST. PAUL CHURCH has had, under its pastor, Dr. P. C. Curnick, a successful year. The congregations have increased, and there have been many accessions from probation and by letter. The energies of the pastor are heavily taxed by numerous and pressing demands. The mem-

bership is scattered all over the city. There is a large class of students in the various educational and professional schools from Methodist homes, who are exposed to the temptations of a large city, and many of them come to St. Paul. The clerks and mechanics are gathered in large numbers in the vicinity of this Church. The pastor, aided by the large and flourishing Epworth League, has made successful efforts in reaching these young people. St. Paul's seats are free, its spirit is cordial, its music is fine, its organization is good, and it is gaining a strong hold on the people, and doing effective work in the city.

WALNUT HILLS, Rev. G. W. Dubois pastor, has the largest and strongest Church on the district, with a membership of nearly six hundred, in a population of about fifty thousand. This Church holds a leading position among the other denominations, and has a splendid record for loyalty and devotion to all the interests of Methodism. It has contributed generously to our local enterprises and the general benevolences of the Church.

WAYNE AVENUE, LOCKLAND-WYOMING, has had one of its most prosperous years. Early in January a series of Bible-readings were given by Miss Emma Tucker, who had formerly been a member of this Church. Her work was most graciously blessed by the Spirit of God. The results were permanent, conserved as they were by the care-taking of the pastor and his wife and the efficient workers of Wayne Avenue. Sabbath, August 21st, was a red-letter day, witnessing the reopening of the auditorium and the reception of new members. A class of seventy-nine were recommended, and sixty-seven were present for reception on that occasion. The renovated audience-room has been refurnished at the cost of about \$1,300.

THE HARTWELL CHURCH, under the leadership of W. H. Wehrly, has had a successful year. There have been many accessions to the Church and to the Epworth League. The Sunday-school is in excellent condition, and the prayer-meetings are well attended. The parsonage has been painted and repaired, and is now a comfortable home for the pastor. There is much in the way of a higher spiritual and social feeling in the Church that can not be stated, which is a cheerful prophecy of brighter days in the future.

The Conference year at WESLEY CHAPEL has been one of marked success, both spiritually and temporally. The many departments of Church work are prosperous and promising. The membership has been arranged into eighteen classes, in accordance with the requirements of the Discipline. The wisdom of this is already apparent, and the beneficial effect permeates every organization. The membership has been increased by certificate, 57; on probation, 59; and the total membership is now 591. The report of the Treasurer shows this to be the banner year in the financial history of the Church. The current expenses have been met promptly, and improvements have been made on the Church property to the amount of eleven hundred dollars. The Church is free from debt, and the apportionment for benevolences has in every instance been more than satisfied. The tithing system is the financial plan of the Church, and has become a means of grace and spiritual growth to many. The receipts from all sources and for all purposes have been six thousand dollars. The appointment of Gervaise Roughton to this charge, at the last Conference, was a most wise and fortunate one, and the remarkable work that he has accomplished is evidence of his fitness and efficiency as pastor of Wesley Chapel, this old, historic mother Church of Methodism.

PRICE HILL has had as its pastor Rev. A. C. Turrell, for a full ministerial term of five years. This has been a critical time in its history, and the work of the pastor, with the active co-operation of the people, has secured permanent results. The Church has had a rapid and substantial growth. All its interests have been carefully looked after, and a spiritual and aggressive organism has been developed. Here in the



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suburbs, where the population is moving, we have a Methodist Church that is destined to become one of our most prominent charges.

TRINITY CHURCH is centrally located, and all the various denominations, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Liberal, have their Churches within a few blocks. The Church is in a transition state, and is gradually adjusting itself to its present conditions. Dr. C. W. Gullette is the popular pastor, and large congregations attend his ministry.

THE CHURCH AT DELHI has granted a leave of absence to its pastor, Dr. Howard Henderson. He was the first chaplain to enlist in the volunteer service. He had been for years chaplain of the First Regiment, and when the summons came he went with his comrades to the war, animated with a clear sense of duty and the spirit of a true patriot. He was a general in the Confederate army, a chaplain in the United States Volunteers, and he represents that national unity which is one of the important results of the present war. Eloquent in speech, broad in sympathies, and heroic in soul, the Cincinnati Conference is proud of its representative in the field, and sends to him our warmest greetings and most fervent prayers. The Christian minister and layman ought to feel proud to be in this war for humanity and civilization, against inhumanity and barbarism. Our national policy in the past has been isolation; our national policy in the future should be permeation. American Christianity should follow the footsteps of American heroism, and the soldiers of the Cross should be as loyal as the soldiers of the Flag. Missionary opportunity creates missionary responsibility, and the destiny of the Nation depends upon its fidelity to spiritual obligation. Liberation demands civilization, and civilization is impossible without Christianity. Bishop Thoburn declares that "American Methodism should begin work immediately at Manila." Let the missionaries of the gospel follow the soldiers of the Republic. Advance or retreat is a necessity in the presence of a grand opportunity. "The pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night" must be our leader, or our feet will never touch the promised land of providential purpose.

The work of the past year is finished, and the work of the new year is about to begin. The responsibilities of the past year are not so great as the responsibilities of the coming year. The faithful minister in this age has a most difficult work to accomplish. The widespread unbelief, the pervasive worldliness, and the insensibility of the Church, are heavy burdens on the souls of all consecrated preachers.

These difficulties must be met by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The words of the apostle, "Be filled with the Spirit," should sink deep into our hearts, and be the inspiration of our lives.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

E. T. WELLS, Presiding Elder.

AFTER six years of superintendency of the Dayton District, I come to make this, my last annual report. With great gratification I record this as the happiest and most pleasant of all the years of my work on the district. The adjustment of the appointments at our last session seemed most happy, and general harmony has prevailed. As a result some of the charges have had special prosperity, in an improved financial condition, an increased attendance upon the services, a marked change for the better in the spirit of the people, until you could scarcely recognize them as the same people.

We record with gratitude that, in all the six years, we have not missed

an appointment from personal illness. Affliction in the family has sometimes detained me from the work, but uniform good health has been the daily blessing of the elder. I have preached in these six years 1,091 times, counting forty-nine weeks to the year, makes an average of nearly four sermons a week; have taken no vacation in all that time; during the year just passed have held all my Quarterly Conferences personally. Have looked after all the benevolences of the Church. The missionary debt has been presented in twenty-five out of thirty-three charges. In three-fourths of the charges I have preached a missionary sermon. We hope the aggregate report of benevolences will show a decided improvement.

There have been organized five new Sunday-schools during my term of service, four of them in Dayton, viz.: Riverdale, Homestead, Epworth Mission, and Anna Street Mission, and one at Pittsburg, Gordon Circuit. There are three new preaching-places and societies, where hitherto there were none. Two of these, Riverdale and Homestead, constitute a charge, to which a pastor is appointed, while the society at Pittsburg is a point on the Gordon Circuit. These aggregate a membership of about two hundred, and an average attendance in the Sabbath-schools of 78.

Two new parsonages have been added, at West Elkton and West Carrollton, leaving now but six appointments without a parsonage.

There have been brought into the Church during the year 625 probationers. The Epworth League numbers 2,434. The pastors have reported pastoral calls to the number of 12,376. Seven pastors made no report, and some reported only part of the year. A full report would show at least 16,000 calls. The literature of the Church has been reported as follows: *Sunday-school Classmates*, 446; *Epworth Heralds*, 436; *Western Christian Advocates*, 565.

With this brief general view, let us take up the district in detail:

Bethany heads the list, with John A. Easton as pastor. Brother Easton has labored faithfully, and looked carefully after all the interests of the Church. The parsonage has been improved by tasteful painting.

Camden, with G. L. Travis pastor, has a modern church and a very attractive parsonage property, which, under the present pastorate, has been greatly improved. One of the features of the work here has been the Epworth League. Miss Lizzie Travis, the pastor's daughter, has been of great service in this work, both at home and in the district. A very successful group-meeting was held in June at Camden, which was productive of good to all who participated.

Centerville, Philip Trout in charge. This is a circuit of three points. The past year has been exceptionally fruitful. Fifty-seven were received from probation, and seventeen on probation, making seventy-four additions to the Church. Much was done in improving the Church property. Bellebrook spent \$151 in beautifying the church.

Centerville raised for church improvement \$460. They graded the church lot, put in hot-air furnaces, decorated the walls within, from classroom to auditorium, painted the outside of the church, added a new fence and veranda to the parsonage property, and painted the entire outfit, until one could scarcely recognize the place.

Rev. O. P. Huffman has just completed his first year of work in our Conference on the Concord Circuit. He has had 21 accessions to the Church on his work.

We have six Churches in Dayton. Three out of the six pastors have reached the time-limit. Dr. Clemans, who is in charge of Broadway, is one of the three whose time has expired. He has made 8,000 pastoral calls in the last five years, an average of 1,600 per year; received 301 on probation, 221 by letter. During this last year the remaining debt on the church of \$1,000 has been paid. During the summer the church was closed for a few weeks, at the end of which time it came from the hands

of the frescoers renewed and beautiful, with new carpet underneath, and the doors thrown open to the multitude to worship in as attractive a place as could be desired.

Through the efforts of Brother George Stevens, of Broadway, a mission Sabbath-school remote from Broadway, on Anna Street, and known as the Anna Street Mission, has been inaugurated. The school was put under the jurisdiction of Broadway Quarterly Conference. They have an enrollment of 104 scholars, with an average attendance of 80. A class has been organized, revival-meetings held by a local elder, Rev. John Harrison, and a score received into the Church. This is the nucleus of a Church.

Dr. W. A. Robinson has reached the time-limit at Grace Church. For five years he has watched over the flock. The past year large congregations have waited on his ministry. The prayer-meeting and Sabbath-school have been larger than in previous years. Dr. Robinson, single-handed and alone, by personal canvass raised the money, and paid off the debt of two thousand dollars on the church.

The new work, heretofore mentioned, Homestead Avenue and Riverdale, Rev. George W. Vorhis in charge, have had a good year. Riverdale has asked to be made a station, on condition that Brother Vorhis be returned to them. They have resolved also to commence to build on their very eligible lots on Warder Street, which are paid for. They have already \$1,800 subscribed and in cash toward the building, without having made a general canvass of the city.

Raper, with Dr. L. E. Prentiss in command, rounds up the year with a full head of steam, fires crowded, 825 on board, decks all clear, no debts, no complaints, and no appeals, all hands happy on the way and in great expectations waiting to greet their new leader, as the old one, by reason of the time-limit, gives the parting salute. Raper has an Epworth League with 245 members, and an average attendance on their devotional meeting of 210, also a flourishing Junior League. The average attendance of the Sabbath-school has been 385; the average attendance at prayer-meeting, 113; the benevolences equal to former years; total amount of money raised for all purposes, \$4,900; an average addition each year by probation and letter, 110.

In connection with Raper is the Epworth Mission Sunday-school, South Main Street. This school is well managed; average annual attendance, 77. After paying their rent and other expenses, they always report a surplus in their treasury. They have also a gradually-increasing building fund, which is a promise of a coming church in that part of the city.

St. Paul Church, Dr. Pearson pastor, has not been behind the sister Churches in debt-paying and improvements. They have wiped out a debt of \$800, and with the aid of the Ladies' Society have frescoed and otherwise improved their auditorium, until, like the King's daughter, it is "all glorious within."

The last in order of the Dayton Churches is Trinity, Rev. J. P. Ninde pastor. Trinity has a good church and parsonage property, well located, but unfortunately it is burdened with a heavy debt.

Rev. Creighton Wones has untiringly and faithfully labored at Eaton, and has been unanimously invited to return. We have here a good Epworth League of 127 members. Eaton has been a comfort and delight to the elder in his district work.

Rev. I. R. Marshall has concluded his second year in Sugar Valley. This work enjoys the distinction of making the largest contribution to the missionary debt of any charge in the district: namely, \$37.50. Besides this, they bring up their full apportionment, \$90, for missions. Brother Marshall has taken with him in his house-to-house canvass the *World-wide Missions*, and made known the offer of the Missionary Society to give one year's subscription of that publication to every one who

who will give at least one dollar to missions. In this way that valuable paper will find its way into 120 homes in the boundary of his work.

Franklin, George V. Morris, is one of the charges that has undergone a transformation during the year. One hundred and one were brought into the Church on probation, 34 from probation and 30 by letter, making a total of 165.

At Glendale and Port Union there is a rising tide of prosperity. Thirty-five have been received on probation and 24 from probation, making in all 59 additions.

At Hamilton, Rev. J. W. Peters pastor, there have been 31 accessions on probation and 24 into full membership and by letter, making a total of 55 additions during the year.

Rev. J. W. Patton, at Lewisburg, has put \$105 worth of improvements on the parsonage, in painting and decorating it.

Miamisburg, Rev. J. S. Pumphrey, reports 34 accessions in all to the Church this year.

At Middletown they have passed the most pleasant and harmonious time for many years. Rev. D. L. Aultman has beamed on them with that sunshine in his soul which brings cheer and good feeling. Every department of the Church has felt the genial influence. The attendance upon class-meeting is a marked feature of the Middletown Church. The Epworth League numbers two hundred members, and their Junior League one hundred members. Quite a material reduction has been made in the Church debt. The pastor expressed the hope that he might see the debt all paid and a new parsonage erected.

Rev. G. L. Tufts has been abundant in labors at Red Lion. He has made repairs on the church-building, and has built on the parsonage lot a much-needed stable, and otherwise beautified with trees and arbor the property, thus enhancing its value and desirability as a residence. He has also worked assiduously at the Church benevolences.

One of the happiest appointments we have, is that of Rev. J. H. Lease at Seven Mile. This work is appreciating this man of ripe experience and culture. Brother and Sister Lease have literally traveled the work together, and so grounded themselves in the affection of the people, as to say with the psalmist, "We shall not be moved." (Psalm xvi, 8.)

"Westward the star of empire takes its way," and we turn now, in conclusion, to four places which, when named, were judged to be west of something; namely, West Alexandria, West Carrollton, West Chester, and West Elkton. Over this western work we will let the sun of this report go down. At West Alexandria, Rev. C. L. Chapman pastor, the brightest thing in that Church is this League. It was the banner charge for work accomplished in that sub-district. I wish I had time for their annual report. Let me summarize: Members, 41; weekly devotional meetings, 21 cottage prayer-meetings; Mercy and Help made 647 calls on sick and aged strangers, prepared 38 meals for the sick, delicacies carried to 38, and bouquets to 47; furnished flowers for nine funerals, distributed 2,424 pages of literature, 13 books; made 32 garments, pieced one comfort, gave other bed clothing, two pairs of shoes, provisions, and nine dollars in money among the needy, 15 quarts of canned fruit, did washing and ironing; gave two hundred hours caring for the sick; two barrels of canned fruit and vegetables to Christ's Hospital, Cincinnati; had one lecture, gave four socials, provided flowers for the pulpit, and furnished extra music many times; wrote seventy letters, observed League Anniversary day, held memorial service in honor of Francis Willard, paid seventy-five dollars to the pastor's salary, and put thirty-six dollars in the Church treasury. Through the efforts of Rev. Thomas Cundy, \$250 were raised as part payment on a parsonage property at West Elkton. One hundred and fifty dollars were also expended on the

improvement of the church in new paper, paint, carpet, and new cathedral glass windows. It hardly seems the same building, so beautifully has it been improved.

Six years ago, West Carrollton was an annex of Germantown, and contributed, all told, \$250 to Church work. Five years ago, Germantown was made a station, and West Carrollton made a charge, with Homestead Avenue, Dayton, attached, and Rev. Vorhis pastor. During this year a great revival occurred, which doubled the membership at Carrollton, caused the removal of Brother Vorhis to Carrollton, and a determination on their part to become a station, which was accomplished; and now, after four years of station life, the charge, with Rev. A. K. Stabler pastor, has erected a parsonage at a cost, without the lot, of \$2,500, with all modern appliances, of beautiful design, attractive within and without, to be in due time furnished. It will be adjacent to the new church, which will be the next enterprise undertaken during Brother Stabler's term.

At West Chester, the flame of Rev. J. A. Jenkinson's revival irradiated all that region of country last winter, commencing at Tylersville, then to Sharonville, and ending at West Chester. This was a dry and thirsty land, and "the things that remained were ready to die." Brother Jenkinson came, and began to sing and preach and pray, souls were convicted and clearly converted, old and young, heads of families, and children, were brought in, until a great crowd of witnesses were raised unto the Lord. At no other place on the district, in all the six years, has the writer noted such a change as has been brought about on the West Chester Circuit, and especially at Tylersville. Total accessions to the Church, 149.

We lay down the work of this office, feeling that these six years of incessant labor have been among the happiest of our life. We have enjoyed the work. With sadness we bid adieu to all these congregations and pastors with whom we have been associated.

We wish to record our appreciation of Methodist ministers. Thrown so constantly with them in their homes, and in their buggies and in their meetings, looking into their hearts, we have been impressed with their essential goodness. Some men in the sacred office may be treacherous, but we find none of that kind in the ranks of the Dayton District. As we know their hearts and feel their spirit, we realize how self-denying, how patient, how true they are. We are glad to have associated with such men.

May the Lord reward their continuance in well-doing, and bring us all at last to the rest in heaven!

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

GEORGE H. DART, Presiding Elder.

1. PERSONAL ACCOUNTING.—I have met every appointment of the year; preached two hundred and seventy-five times (275), held one hundred and twenty-eight (128) Quarterly Conferences, one hundred and fifteen (115) communion services, seventy-five (75) love-feasts, made fifty (50) Sunday-school, Epworth League, and other addresses; written several hundred letters on Church business, and driven two thousand five hundred (2,500) miles, and gone by rail two thousand three hundred (2,300) more.

Everywhere I have been met with overflowing kindness. Not a memory of slight or discourtesy mars the year.

2. PASTORAL SUPPLY AND SUPERVISION.—The pastors have been faithful, zealous, exemplary. They have labored abundantly, endured

patiently, and withstood evil manfully, sometimes to their hurt, but never to their shame. Not one is eccentric, or lopsided, or ill-adjusted. They are sensible, honest, good men, whose administration has been judicious and beneficent. Diverse in gifts, varied in culture, and distinct in method, they all bear the seal of God.

The supplies have done good work in feeble appointments, of which we have more than our share, with far less of strong ones to counter-balance than our sister districts.

Under their financial pressure these weak charges are urging either union with stronger points, or an enlargement of territory. The one plan would diminish importance and influence of the stronger appointments, by lessening service; and the other, by broad and broken area, would make supervision difficult, if not impossible. These conditions are not new, but they are intensifying. The crisis approaches. How shall we meet it? To abandon our feeble points is to leave large regions uncared for—a sad surrender to heathenism, more fatal to us, by its proximity, than that of India or China. To enlarge our circuits to any considerable degree would either greatly overtax the pastors or attenuate the services to disastrous thinness. The problem is upon us. It is the problem of home missions. It concerns the country as surely as the city. To evangelize Africa is glorious. To paganize America is atrocious. The Church must face the situation. The twentieth century will demand reckoning. Neglect now will harvest disaster. The little Churches, like the little springs, nourish the land. They make for its moral life. They are great in aggregates.

Pastors Abrams, Fulton, and Moore have completed the time-limit. They are loved and honored in the highest degree by their charges, and their removal is occasion of great regret.

Six pastors have finished three, and nine two years, while fourteen, including supplies, one year of service.

Where all have done well, none need separate mention. Our Ministerial Meeting was a great success. Not a man shirked. The program was full of good things, and pentecostal power marked every service.

The home of Pastor Roberts, of the Montgomery Charge, was darkened in the spring by the sudden and unlooked-for death of the eldest daughter, an estimable young woman, a Christian from childhood. Early gathered, she was a sheaf ripe for the garner.

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS AND OUTCOMES.—The revival spirit has been prevalent. Churches have been quickened. Hundreds have been converted. West Union, Ripley, Milford, Mason, Lebanon, Felicity, Moscow, Owensville, Bethel, Centenary, and other points have shared in the blessed influence.

Repairs and renovations have been general, but no new enterprises have been undertaken. Some old debts have been paid, and funding plans inaugurated for others.

The problem of insurance is a serious one in many charges. Rates are high, and many official members are willing to risk the property rather than bear the added expense. If the new Church Insurance Company is really safe and cheap, it will be a great boon. Our forty-six (46) Senior and twenty (20) Junior Epworth League Chapters, enrolling three thousand (3,000) members, are centers of spiritual influence. Our Annual Convention was not only marked by ability, fraternity, and enthusiasm, but by a wonderful baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The *Epworth Herald* is greatly popular, and a large number is taken. This is due partly to the guild sentiment. "It is our paper," say the young people, and all the energy of youth is thrown into the canvass, and partly to the excellence of the paper itself and its adaptation to its legitimate constituency, and partly to its price, which brings it into competition with our local Church paper to its disadvantage. I would not

minify the *Herald*, either in quality or quantity. Its circulation bears on the young life of the Church. I would magnify the *Advocate*. Our people need it. Our official members can hardly be efficient without it. It makes for intelligence and liberality in Church movements, both local and general. It ought to be pushed to the utmost. No other paper ought to be pushed against it. In considering this aspect of the work, it has occurred to me that a Bureau of Information might be created in every Church for the circulation of Church papers and other religious publications among the membership not otherwise provided for. Several *Advocates*, with arrangements for neighborhood circulation, or a combination of adjacent families in a subscription, might work great advantage.

Our benevolences have been fairly and earnestly presented, but though they will not score an advance, they will probably not fall behind the level of last year. Besides the regular offerings, we have given to the missionary debt four hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$475), and there is a special gift of one thousand dollars to the missionary cause by John W. Pittinger, of Decatur, Ohio. The offer of the Missionary Society to send the *World-wide Missions* to every subscriber of one dollar to the missionary cause ought to introduce it into hundreds of homes. Every pastor who has not already forwarded his list, ought to perfect and forward it at once, or furnish it to his successor.

In this centennial of Ohio Methodism, the Georgetown District ought to hold no inferior place. In 1797, a full year before the recognized centennial period, a society was organized in Milford. Our history is not uncertain. We are not of a day. The beginnings of Methodism are with us. To us belong the fathers. Some of the old landmarks remain; churches, church sites, camp-meeting grounds, where miracles of salvation were wrought, and burial places where rest the mortal remains of the heroes of Western Methodism. Some of the aged, who yet tarry with us, remember and recount their heroic deeds and the marvels of power which attended their ministry.

4. MEMORIAL TRIBUTES.—Silas Bennett, D. D., was a man of God. He lived a life of steady luster. No clouds obscured his shining. To the last he shone. A thorough Christian gentleman and minister of Jesus Christ was he, who but yesterday was of us, but to-day is of the angels.

N. W. Darlington was a man of sturdy mold; an Elijah, a John the Baptist. He could face mobs, or storm the heights, or embrace the stake. His blood was hot with hate of evil. Our Anglo-Saxon speech had no words to body his utter scorn of wrong. He was a reformer by nature and habit. His very sturdiness opened him to misapprehension. Those who broke through the outer crust found a soul simple and sincere, winning and winsome, genial and generous. His peculiarities followed him to the last. He desired no discourse, eulogy, or memoir, and those who knew and loved him best, obedient to his will, ask silence. Adieu, Bennett and Darlington, brothers of mine! Beyond the stars we meet again.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

T. H. PEARNE, Presiding Elder.

BELOVED BISHOP AND BRETHREN,—In submitting my fifth annual report of the Hillsboro District, I would gratefully recognize the Lord's goodness to my fellow-laborers and myself, in giving us health and strength for our much-loved employ. With a single exception, all the pastors and their families have been free from sickness or any other

casualties. The 19th day of last January, Brother George T. Perry, young, hopeful, ardent, and zealous, was suddenly called from labor to refreshment. Instead of being with us in person to-day, he has answered the roll-call from above. Instead of awaiting his appointment at your hands, dear Bishop, he has received from the Shepherd and Bishop of souls an eligible city allotment amid the unfolding glories of the New Jerusalem.

His many friends in Lynchburg showed much kindness to Sister Perry and her fatherless children in their great loss and sorrow. Brother R. E. Smith has served the Church efficiently since Brother Perry's removal.

FORCES AND LABORERS.—In the Hillsboro District the powers that make for righteousness are neither few nor small. Some of them can be tabulated. Others of them are invisible and immeasurable. The principles and doctrines underlying and permeating Methodism are as old and as stable as are the elements of God's moral government. They are Scriptural. They were held and taught by the apostles and martyrs of blessed memory. They were firmly held and earnestly disseminated by our venerable founder, John Wesley. God has placed upon them the indubitable seal of his approval, by using them in producing one of the most remarkable, widespread, and continuous revivals the world has ever seen. These principles and experiences have been faithfully, and not in vain, maintained by the preachers and laymen of Hillsboro District.

RESULTS.—"Moral deserts have bloomed like Eden." The handful of corn in the tops of the mountains has yielded its sure increase. "The fruit thereof shakes like Lebanon." Our people know and glory in the blessed experiences of full and free salvation. They share the old-time fire and power of the fathers. Precious revivals have illumined and gladdened the Lord's heritage. "The reapers have received wages, and have gathered fruit unto eternal life."

METHODS AND AUXILIARIES.—The Sunday-schools have been diligently worked, to bring the children to Christ. The young have been organized and incited to the noblest Christian being and doing. Catechumen classes have been formed for enlisting and training the children for manifold Christian service. Both the Sunday-schools and the Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues use the requisites and literature of our own publishing-houses. There are twenty Junior Leagues, having nearly two thousand members. We have forty Senior Leagues, with a membership of nearly three thousand. A District League Convention was held in Jamestown early in June, under the direction of our unrivaled leader of young people, Brother Joe W. Story. The Convention was large and well sustained. An unusual measure of spiritual grace descended upon all present. Brother Story is the President of the Hillsboro District League; also of the Fifth General Conference District League, and of his own local League in Greenfield, of some six hundred members. Besides these, he is the superintendent of the Greenfield Sunday-school, which has an enrollment of eight hundred. Within the Hillsboro District eleven thousand five hundred members are enrolled, in about one hundred and fifty classes. Probably one-third of these are regular attendants. Five hundred of them keep up family prayers. They cheerfully consecrate themselves and their means for Christ's kingdom. During the past year twenty-nine live, earnest Methodist preachers have wrought in the district. All of them have pressed forward in their work, with tender, tireless zeal. They have

"Spent their sweat and blood and pains
To cultivate Immanuel's lands."

Within the past twelve months these ministers have preached five thousand sermons; held a hundred and forty weeks of revival services; made over fourteen thousand pastoral visits; witnessed the professed conversion of a thousand persons; received into the Church on probation nine hundred and eighty-three; received from probation into full membership seven hundred and fifty, a gain of fifty per cent of probationers, and seven per cent of full members.

CHURCH BENEVOLENCES.—These, and especially the missionary cause, have enlisted the commendable zeal and diligence of our ministers and laymen. The wise directions of our Discipline on missions have been practically carried out. Nearly every charge in the district has made subscriptions towards canceling the missionary debt. The offerings for the year, both for the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and also and especially for our own Missionary Society, will exceed those of any previous year in our history. We profoundly grieve that our Conference missionary gifts for the last twenty years have been steadily declining. If I may, without giving offense, I will offer a few suggestions as to some of the possible causes of this decline, and looking towards larger and more sustained giving in the future. If it can be done, all the moneys raised for our Missionary Society, in whatever form, should be credited in our annual statistical tables, whether the several apportionments shall have been fully met or not. Failure at this point creates dissatisfaction among our liberal givers. Some twenty years ago we ceased publishing in our Annual Minutes the detailed reports of missionary contributions. About the same time we struck off the Cincinnati Conference from the list of Conferences receiving Home Missionary aid for our feeble charges. Steadily, from that time to this, our missionary offerings have declined. Added to all this is the astounding fact that many of the pastors fail to organize and work our Church committees on Church benevolences. It is not strange, therefore, that our benevolences have shrunk. Reform in our methods is demanded. It should be prompt and thorough.

INSURANCE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.—In all the Quarterly Conferences I have persistently urged the prime importance of insuring our Church and parsonage property, as a matter of the strictest and wisest economy.

CHURCH DEBTS AND CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.—The New Vienna pastor, John Wilson, and his faithful lay helpers, have done a good job of debt-paying and church and parsonage improvements, to the amount of over \$1,200. Leesburg Charge, Homer C. Middleton pastor, has completed the rebuilding of the church in Leesburg, at a cost of \$5,500. Dr. Moore, at the opening, raised \$1,500, covering all deficiency. East Monroe, in the same charge, has been improved at a cost of \$500, all paid; refitting Olive Chapel, \$500; in all, \$6,500. Our elegant new parsonage in Greenfield is completed. Commodious, up-to-date, it cost only \$4,500, \$3,000 of which are in hand. The only thing left in this charge for Dr. Mitchell's efforts in this line to achieve, is to secure church sittings for his eleven hundred members, only one-half of whom can now be seated in our church there. In Sabina, G. P. Austin pastor, a debt of \$400 has been canceled. Wilmington church and parsonage have been improved, at an expense of \$300 or \$400. Brother Spahr has wrought nobly in Wilmington. In South Lebanon, A. J. Winkler has reduced the heavy debt upon our parsonage there. In Morrow likewise, D. D. Cheney has scored success. Brother Humphrey, New Burlington, reports \$500 added to the value of Church property. The same has been done in Waynesville, A. T. Cowgill pastor; amount, \$400. In Winchester, Brother McCollm and the brethren have canceled a parsonage debt of \$94.31. Hillsboro Church, M. LeSourd pastor, has rejuvenated the church, costing \$1,400, and so in Trinity and First Churches, Xenia, \$700 or \$800

have been invested. In Union and New Jasper Circuits a like process has gone forward, \$500; in all, \$17,000 expended.

PATRIOTISM.—In displaying Christian patriotism, the Methodists of Hillsboro District are not behind. The sons of our ministers,—Mitchell, Stevenson, and Hamilton,—have gone into the military service of the country. The sons of Drs. Wells and Prentiss are in the same service. Our families in the entire Conference have contributed their full share towards filling our army and navy, and prayers have ascended to heaven for our President and army and navy.

HILLSBORO COLLEGE.—The school work of the college has proceeded through the year, under serious embarrassment. At grave cost to himself and his associates, Professor George P. Clarke, our able and faithful President, has wrought with signal fidelity. The Trustees have unanimously selected Professor Clarke as President for the ensuing year. Looking retrospectively upon the recorded past, and prospectively upon the unknown future, and especially considering God's faithfulness and his exceeding great and precious promises, we thank God, and take courage.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

J. F. MARLAY, Presiding Elder.

I do not purpose to repeat, on this occasion, what I have heretofore said, more than once, of the very pleasant field of labor from which I am about to retire. Springfield District is not, of course, either the old Eden by the Hiddekel, nor the New Jerusalem by the Living Waters; but it does include, I think, the finest and fairest portion of our Conference domain, and I sincerely regret that the very pleasant personal relation I have sustained to the pastors and people of the district for six years, is about to be severed.

For the first time, during my incumbency of this office, I shall take the Conference on a brief itinerary over the district, making note of a few salient points, here and there, as we journey.

ARCANUM, which, alphabetically, stands at the head of the district, is a beautiful and prosperous town of about two thousand inhabitants, and of great possibilities for Methodism, transferred to us, along with Greenville, a few years ago from the Central Ohio Conference, in a readjustment of Conference bounds. During the past year about twenty were converted and added to the Church.

BRANDT is one of our smallest circuits, the entire membership numbering only about one hundred and fifty. It includes, however, in that little band some of the choicest spirits in Ohio Methodism, and a good revival at one of the appointments last winter has greatly strengthened the charge.

CATAWBA is one of the best circuits in the Conference. It has a membership of five hundred, good churches, large congregations, and one of the best parsonages in the district. The pastor reports sixty conversions.

CEDARVILLE is an attractive suburb of the city in which we are now assembled. It has not always been regarded as the most congenial soil for Methodism, having been pre-occupied largely by other denominations, and yet we have here a growing Church, a fine new parsonage, a large congregation, and a prosperous Sunday-school.

CHRISTIANSBURG is another of our smaller circuits, with a total membership of less than two hundred. It has financial ability, however, ample, if properly organized, to support a pastor comfortably, and meet all

reasonable claims. During the past year nearly fifty were converted and united with the Church.

COVINGTON, in Miami County, is a handsome town of more than two thousand inhabitants. For some reason Methodism was slow to occupy this field, and other denominations, sooner on the ground, have gained the ascendancy there. We have, however, a brave, loyal little congregation there, struggling heroically against many discouragements.

DIALTON is one of our best and strongest circuits, with a good parsonage, and numbering among its appointments one of the finest country societies—Newson Chapel—in the Conference. Thirty conversions are reported for the year.

GREENVILLE, the beautiful and growing county-seat of one of the richest agricultural counties in Ohio, with its elegant new church and comfortable parsonage, takes rank easily with our best charges. It reports an increase in the membership of sixty for the past year.

KING'S CREEK CIRCUIT lies in one of the fairest of the great Miami Valleys. Once occupying a leading position among our rural charges, it has, by deaths and removals, been greatly weakened in recent years, both in numbers and in financial strength. The past year has been a good one in many respects, though not marked by any special increase of membership. It has been well served by a faithful supply.

MECHANICSBURG has long held rank as one of the best towns of its class in Central Ohio. Its cultured population, beautiful homes, and business prosperity make it a most desirable place of residence. It is peculiarly a Methodist town, the entire population almost being enrolled in the membership of the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Protestant Churches. With its elegant church and its commodious, comfortable parsonage, Mechanicsburg is undoubtedly one of the attractive charges in the Conference.

MUTUAL CIRCUIT, in beautiful Champaign County, and in the neighborhood of the famous Urbana camp-ground, is one of our leading country charges. It includes Fountain Park, a popular summer resort, conducted on Christian principles. During the year the parsonage has been improved greatly at a considerable expense, and the general condition of the circuit was never better.

NEW CARLISLE is one of our fairest villages, with excellent Church property, and a membership of about three hundred, including Donnelsville, with which it is connected. From various causes the financial resources of this parish have been seriously weakened in recent years, and notwithstanding most faithful work by a devoted pastor, the struggle has been a severe one to meet current expenses.

NEW MOOREFIELD, lying for the most part in Clark County, is an excellent circuit of four appointments, good Church property in excellent repair, and ample financial ability to support its pastor comfortably, and contribute generously to the benevolent causes of the Church. The past year has been one of the utmost harmony and good feeling, and there has been also an evident improvement in the spiritual condition of the Church.

PIQUA, our beautiful "Border City," to which belongs the distinction of having entertained the Conference more frequently than any other place within its bounds, has had one of the best years in its history. Greene Street has paid off an old debt of \$2,500, added nearly a hundred to its membership, and holds its place among the foremost Churches of Ohio Methodism. Grace Church was favored with a larger ingathering during the year than any other charge in the district, the accessions on probation being one hundred and seventy. Measures have been taken to erect at once a handsome new parsonage, so that the general outlook for Grace Church was never quite so bright as it is to-day.

SOUTH CHARLESTON has a membership, including that of Selma, a

country society connected with it, of three hundred and fifty. It has good Church property entirely free from debt, a fine congregation and Sunday-school, and reports twenty-five conversions for the year.

SOUTH CHARLESTON CIRCUIT has had, in many respects, an unusually good year, and the spiritual condition of the charge has greatly improved. A new church will soon take the place of Williams's Chapel, and at two, at least, of the other appointments there are cheering indications of improvement.

SPRINGFIELD, with its five churches, in which are enrolled twenty-four hundred members, has had one of the best years, all things considered, in its history. At Central, the proud mother of them all, a hundred were received on probation, and a debt of two thousand dollars wiped out. High Street Church, with its happy pastor and people, closed the year with a handsome increase in membership. At St. Paul's special attention has been given to a new and improved method of Church finances, a considerable number having voluntarily enrolled themselves as titheers, and the year closed without a penny of debt on current expense account for the first time in the history of the Church, and the benevolences all up to last year's report. This, under all the circumstances, is a phenomenal result. The spiritual interests of the Church have also received vigilant care, and have grown apace. At Grace Church about fifty have been added to the membership, and the Church has been recarpeted, repainted, and otherwise greatly improved. At Clifton Avenue the pastor reports sixty accessions, and a steady and encouraging improvement in the public and social services.

TIPPECANOE CITY, one of our smaller stations, has a Church property that would be a credit to a much more pretentious charge. With its beautiful auditorium, modern Sunday-school room, and pleasant parsonage, there are few more inviting fields of labor.

TREMONT CITY is one of the strongest circuits, numerically and financially, of the Conference. While the past year has brought no great ingathering, very much needed and excellent work has been done by the pastor.

TROY closes the year with a bright prospect of erecting soon the long-talked-of new church, at a cost of not less than thirty thousand dollars. This great and important undertaking has been made possible by the generous thoughtfulness of one of our noblest laymen, recently deceased. Troy needs only such an edifice as seems now easily attainable to make it in almost every respect an ideal charge.

TROY CIRCUIT has had an exceptionally happy and prosperous year. The parsonage is in Troy, thus affording school privileges to the pastor's family equal to the very best in the State. Troy Circuit is, for this reason, a very desirable country charge.

URBANA, First Church, reports sixty accessions to the membership, and improvements and additions to the parsonage amounting to \$1,200, which will render it a most comfortable and convenient home. At Grace Church the pastor has closed a very successful term of five years, during which there has been constant growth. Nearly forty accessions are reported for the last year, while in the matter of benevolent collections few Churches can show a better record.

YELLOW SPRINGS, although last on my list, is not by any means the least of the twenty-nine charges of the Springfield District. It is the seat of a college, is known as a summer resort, and will be better known, I trust, as the Home for Aged Methodists. Our Church here, although not very strong financially, has a fine congregation and Sunday-school.

Our Sunday-school work in the district is, with scarcely an exception, in a very prosperous condition. This is not manifest so much in the increased number of schools or pupils, as in the more thorough organization of the work, the growing interest in the International Les-

sons, and the increased contributions of these schools to the cause of missions. I notice, also, a larger attendance of adults than formerly, and it is to be hoped that the day will soon come when all Church members will recognize the obligation to be in the Sunday-school regularly, either as teachers or scholars.

The Epworth League held its Annual District Meeting in Urbana, in June last, under the presidency of Professor Hubbell, of Yellow Springs. It was a very profitable Convention, and was largely attended. From all parts of the district I hear only favorable reports concerning the work of this organization. Many pastors, in their Quarterly Conference reports, refer gratefully to the earnestness and efficiency of the League members in revival work. Including the Juniors, total membership enrollment of the district is about four thousand.

There have been reported to me from the various charges of the district about nine hundred conversions and accessions to the Church. While this result falls below our expectations at the opening of the year, we are nevertheless profoundly thankful to the great Head of the Church that our labor has not been in vain in the Lord. At the same time it should be borne in mind that the real prosperity of a Church can not be measured by its mere increase in numbers. I am quite sure that some of the best work on Springfield District has been done in charges that report no great increase of membership.

While the past year has brought a revival of business prosperity to the country generally, and especially to the farming interests, there has not been, I regret to say, in the Springfield District at least, a corresponding improvement in Church finances, either as to the support of the ministry or of the great benevolent causes. A loud and general complaint is heard that a considerable proportion of our Church membership contribute absolutely nothing to the support of the Church in any department of its work, and there is a growing conviction that these mere camp-followers, so to speak, should not be counted in the Lord's army. It has seemed to me that some provision for the suspension of such unworthy members might relieve the situation. I submit the suggestion to our representatives in the next General Conference.

During the past year the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association purchased the large, fine hotel property at Yellow Springs, at a merely nominal price, intending to open it as a "Home for Aged Methodists" as soon as Providence opens the way by raising up a friend, or friends, who will contribute five thousand dollars to pay off the mortgage on the property, and equip it suitably for its noble work. It is to be hoped that such friends may speedily be found, and that there may be no long delay in the inauguration of this most worthy enterprise.

The Urbana Camp-meeting was held in August, continuing as usual for ten days. Rev. J. G. Vaughan was superintendent, and Dr. Chapman, of Philadelphia, was again employed as evangelist. The meetings are reported to have been spiritual and profitable, and the financial outlook of the Association is said to be brighter than in many years.

Death has entered three of our homes. The venerable and eminent Dr. Asbury Lowrey died at his home in Philadelphia, August 5th. He was a great preacher and a great theologian. To the advocacy of holiness, as a distinct and definite experience, he gave the closing years of his life without reserve. As a preacher, author, and editor, he was one of the most widely-known and influential men of American Methodism.

At the beginning of the year Brother Thomas P. Walter saw the beloved companion of his ministry fall at his side. Amid the encircling gloom of this great sorrow his own health so far failed that he was obliged to spend several weeks in a sanitarium, and finally to resign his charge altogether. He is now, I am glad to say, sufficiently restored to resume his work.

Rev. Timothy Wones, a venerable and greatly esteemed member of this Conference, whose failing health compelled him to take a superannuated relation many years ago, died at home in Springfield during the year. As long as he was able to do effective work, he was a faithful and useful pastor.

In the long-continued effort to provide for the missionary debt, I have sought the earnest co-operation of the pastors and Churches of the district, and the amount pledged will fall very little short of the amount apportioned. That this special effort may, in some cases, slightly affect the regular collection for missions is quite possible, and yet I have reason to hope that we may not fall behind last year's contribution, if we do not make an advance.

In closing this, my final report of the Springfield District, I desire to mention with gratitude the great goodness of God in granting me uninterrupted health and strength for the work assigned me, and to express also my sincere thanks to my brethren, both in the ministry and membership of the Church, for the very great cordiality with which they have received me at all times, and for their hearty and constant co-operation with me in the work of the district.

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STATISTICS.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 30.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER, \$10,458.54

QUESTION 31.—*What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From Chartered Fund, \$22 00
 From Conference Trustees, 371 69
 From Mears Bequest, 101 82
 From Book Concern, 1,060 00
 From the Charges, 4,946 08
 From Donation of Bishop Walden, 25 00
 From Balance of last year, 12 72
 Total, \$6,539 31

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards.	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. R. A. Arthur, . . .	By mail,	\$50 00	\$30 75	Addison, W. Va.
Rev. J. T. Bail,	Self,	400 00	246 00	Norwood, O.
Rev. J. G. Black,	Self,	350 00	215 25	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. J. W. Cassatt, . . .	Rev. C. L. Conger, . .	400 00	246 00	Greenville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar, . . .	J. McMath,	200 00	123 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. S. V. Edmiston, . .	Self,	250 00	153 75	Winchester, O.
Rev. G. W. Fee,	J. H. Hollingsworth, .	400 00	246 00	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. W. I. Fee,	H. D. Ketcham,	250 00	153 75	Piqua, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler, . . .	By mail,	275 00	169 12	Urbana, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman, . .	By mail,	150 00	92 25	Pursley, W. Va.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	By mail,	150 00	92 25	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson, . .	Self,	250 00	153 75	Hillsboro, O.
Rev. E. P. James, . . .	Self,	275 00	169 12	Delaware, O.
Rev. M. Kauffman, . . .	Self,	100 00	61 50	Springfield, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	Self,	275 00	169 12	Hamilton, O.
Rev. J. F. Loyd,	Self,	400 00	246 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	By mail,	300 00	184 50	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. J. H. Middleton, . .	H. C. Middleton, . . .	250 00	153 75	Greenfield, O.
Rev. A. Miller,	Self,	275 00	169 12	172 Ashland Bou., Chicago.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland, .	Self,	400 00	246 00	Wyoming, O.
Rev. John Vance,	J. F. Laird,	50 00	30 75	New Moorefield.
Rev. L. F. Young,	By mail,	300 00	184 50	St. Paris, O.
Rev. M. P. Zink,	Self,	150 00	92 25	Hillsboro, O.
Funeral expenses of				
Rev. Timothy Wones, . .	. . . . . Net,	50 00	50 00	
Rev. George T. Perry, . .	. . . . . Net,	50 00	50 00	
		\$6000 00.	\$3728 48	

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards . .	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
WIDOWS.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker, . . .	J. J. McCabe,	\$150 00	\$92 25	Xenia, O.
Mrs. A. U. Beall, . . .	C. H. Haynes,	50 00	30 75	Monroe, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop, . . .	Mail,	125 00	76 87	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. W. M. Boyer, . . .	T. D. Moore,	50 00	30 75	Manchester, O.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster, . .	Mail,	125 00	76 87	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan, . . .	C. F. Enyart,	100 00	61 50	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. N. W. Darlington, .	Mail,	50 00	30 75	West Union, O.
Mrs. Jesse R. Hall, . . .	J. D. Darling,	100 00	61 50	Point Pleasant, O.
Mrs. Wm. Herr,	W. A. Robinson,	200 00	123 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines, . . .	G. M. Fulton,	150 00	92 25	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. J. N. Irvin, . . .	L. D. Prentiss,	100 00	61 50	Lima, O.
Mrs. C. Kalbfus,	C. H. Kalbfus,	100 00	61 50	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. J. W. Keely,	J. P. Porter,	50 00	30 75	Oxford, O.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy, . . .	E. P. James,	200 00	123 00	Delaware, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk,	W. L. Spence,	100 00	61 50	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Wm. H. Miesse, . .	Mail,	50 00	30 75	Easton, Pa.
Mrs. Henry Miller, . . .	E. McHugh,	200 00	123 00	Cumm'v'e, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. N. McDonald, . . .	Mail,	175 00	107 62	Springfield, O.
Mrs. James Murray, . .	Mail,	100 00	61 50	Marysville, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove, . . .	Black,	175 00	107 62	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson, . .	Black,	200 00	123 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page, and children,	E. H. Cherington, . . .	225 00	138 37	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. Geo. T. Perry and children,	Mail,	225 00	138 37	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. D. H. Sargent, . .	Mail,	100 00	61 50	St. Louis, O.
Mrs. John Shinn,	Mail,	150 00	92 25	Marysville, O.
Mrs. E. C. Smith and children,	W. J. Dunham,	300 00	184 50	Cleves, O.
Mrs. H. Stokes,	Mail,	100 00	61 50	Norfolk, Va.
Mrs. J. W. Stone,	Mail,	100 00	61 50	Waverly, Ia.
Mrs. A. W. Tibbitts, . .	Mail,	200 00	123 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve, . .	Mail,	100 00	61 50	Nicholasville, Ky.
Mrs. E. G. West,	M. B. Fuller,	200 00	123 00	Urbana, O.
Mrs. T. Wones,	V. F. Brown,	100 00	61 50	Springfield, O.
Funeral expenses of				
Mrs. M. P. Zink,	M. P. Zink, Net,	50 00	50 00	
Mrs. T. P. Walter, . . .	T. P. Walter, Net,	50 00	50 00	
Printing Minutes,		5 00	5 00	
Stationery,		2 00	2 00	
Treasurer,		1 54	1 54	
		\$4458 54	\$2675 22	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,				\$26 77
Total disbursements,				\$6,512 54

M. LESOURD, <i>Chairman.</i>	G. S. EASTON,	J. L. SHIVELY,
W. J. BAKER, <i>Secretary.</i>	G. P. AUSTIN,	A. T. COWGILL,
A. D. MADDOX, <i>Treasurer.</i>	D. D. CHENEY,	H. C. MIDDLETON.
E. BURDSALL,		

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1898.

RECEIPTS.			
	CASH.	VOUCHER.	GRAND TOTAL.
For Missions,	\$14,853 71	\$4,705	\$19,558 71
For Sunday-school Union,	255 00	99	354 00
For Tract Cause,	236 00	109	345 00
For Church Extension,	1,546 00	641	2,187 00
For Freedmen's Aid,	1,647 00	1,132	2,779 00
For Education: Public Collection,	264 00	245	509 00
Children's Fund,	672 00	322	994 00
For American Bible Society,	294 00	347	641 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	21 00	12,667	12,688 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society, .	38 00	6,091	6,129 00
For Episcopal Fund,	1,249 00	249	1,498 00
For Conference Claimants,	4,282 00	670	4,952 00
For General Conference Expenses,	7 00		7 00
For Christ's Hospital,	722 00	3,103	3,825 00
For Cincinnati Church Extension,	33 00		33 00
For American University,	15 00		15 00
For Other Benevolent Collections,		9,312	9,312 00
For Missionary Debt,	293 00	1,758	2,051 00
Fractional Dollars,	14 27		14 27
	\$26,441 98	\$41,450	\$67,891 98

DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

To Curts & Jennings,	\$20,759 63
To Conference Stewards,	4,946 08
To H. C. Weakley, for Hospital,	722 00
To John Pearson, for Publishing Committee,	14 27
Total,	\$26,441 98

Receipts and vouchers for these amounts are in my hands.

C. W. HORN, *Conference Treasurer.*

XENIA, O., September 6, 1898.
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GENERAL STATISTICS, No. I.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, C. F. ENYART, Georgetown, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Pr. bers.	Deaths.....	Children Bapt.	Adults Bapt.	Schools.....	Offrs & T. brs.	Scholars of all ages.....	Churches.....	Probable Val.	Parsonages.....	Probable Val.	Pd for build & furn. of Chrs. & Parsonages	Pd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property	Present in- debtedness on Ch. Property.	
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Bond Hill & Pleasant Ridge.....	6	137	2	1	5	2	2	30	160	2	\$8,000			\$50	\$98	\$384	
Branch Hill	1	200		12	1	1	4	21	170	4	6,000			109		650	
Carthage		193		1	4	1	2	28	300	2	9,500			65			
Cincinnati: Asbury	3	205	1	2	5	1	1	28	255	1	8,000	1	\$2,000	275		400	
Avondale	2	174		3	1	6	1	18	134	1	30,000	1	11,000	100		2,500	
Camp Washington	10	130		2	6	1	1	16	225	1	3,000			469			
Christie	18	336	1	5	12	8	1	24	180	1	20,000	1	7,000	455	55		
Clifton		58					1	18	70	1	35,000			105	6,620		
Columbia	3	324	2	2	2	2	1	25	358	1	10,000	1	4,000	50	250	3,000	
Cumminsville.....	12	309	1	5	13	2	1	30	300	1	30,000				2,500	10,000	
Delta Avenue	20	258	1		10	6	1	30	200	1	12,000			125			
East Pearl Street	1	35	1	3	8	1	1	9	75	1	7,000	1	2,000	75		28	
Fairmount	12	181		2	13	2	1	23	250	1	7,000	1	2,500		650	2,500	
Finley.....	3	142		2	3	1	1	20	180	1	10,000			60			
Linwood.....	3	90	1		6	2	1	11	70	1	3,100						
McKendree.....	25	378		8	20	1	1	20	250	1	16,000			60			
Mount Auburn.....	11	146	1	1	3	5	1	13	125	1	25,000			60	208	2,725	
Mount Lookout.....	7	225	1		4	10	1	20	130	1	5,000	1	3,500	300			
Price Hill.....	14	158	1		4		1	18	180	1	14,000			300			
Riverside.....	6	90		4			1	12	120	1	4,000					1,000	
St. John.....		86		2	6		1	11	6	1	12,000			25			
St. Paul	12	422		3	2	5	1	25	300	1	100,000	1	15,000	800		5,000	
Trinity	5	390	1	7	9	12	1	31	450	1	75,000			500			
Walnut Hills.....	7	544	3	4	6		1	39	275	1	60,000	1	15,000	349			
Wesley Chapel.....	48	543	2	12	19	3	1	59	474	1	80,000	1	10,000	1,200			
York Street.....	8	167			7	3	1	22	225	1	10,000						
Cleves.....	98	333		6	26	25	2	35	300	2	5,600			150		1,000	
Delhi.....	(2)	130			2	4	1	20	140	1	4,000						
Groesbeck.....		120		1	5	12	2	18	110	2	4,500			6			
Hartwell.....	2	200		4	2	13	2	30	290	2	12,000	1	2,500	100	306	2,500	
Harrison.....	4	156		2		2	1	15	100	1	10,000	1	2,000	42	175	425	
Lockland-Wyoming.....	22	247	1	1	11	27	1	22	233	1	35,000	1	6,000	1,350			
Loveland.....	7	154		2	7	10	1	25	125	1	2,800			60			
Madisonville.....	7	375	2	7	3	1	1	26	250	1	20,000	1	3,000				
Miami.....		125		2	4	3	4	42	175	4	5,500						
Newtown.....	7	330		4	1	3	3	30	150	3	4,700	1	1,800	14		175	
Norwood: First Church.....	1	205	2	3	5	1	1	23	180	1	5,000			216			
Grace	3	166		1	9	4	1	19	282	1	5,500			180		1,500	
Venice	12	317		5	2	76	4	43	301	4	10,000	1	700	125			
Westwood	5	148		2	1	6	1	25	150	1	50,000	1	2,500				
Winton Place.....	4	132	1	1	5		1	23	150	1	15,000	1	10,000		190	1,460	
Totals.....	411	9,059	25	115	252	260	57	997	8,457	57	792,200	18	100,500	7,775	11,052	35,247	
DAYTON DISTRICT.																	
Bethany.....	2	175		3		3	1	18	75	1	3,500	1	1,500	50	100		
Camden.....	6	208		1	1	2	2	27	125	2	7,000	1	1,500	50			
Centerville.....	12	520		4	2	14	3	53	320	3	10,500	1	1,500	701			
Concord.....	6	311	1			9	4	51	335	4	4,200	1	1,200	310	92	380	
Dayton: Broadway.....	13	805	4	12	20	15	2	57	550	1	10,000	1	3,000	900	1,340		
Grace	16	744	2	15	11	13	1	32	300	1	60,000	1	10,000		2,140		
Homestead Av. & Riverdale	10	164		2	2	1	2	36	300	1	1,000	L	2,500				
Raper	5	825	2	14	19	10	1	78	835	1	28,000	1	3,000				
St. Paul.....	18	671	3	5	12	8	1	48	625	1	25,000	F	1,600	850	1,500		
Trinity	48	242	1	3	28	1	1	35	276	1	10,000	1	2,000			4,500	
Eaton	3	339	1	7		3	1	24	170	1	20,000	1	3,000				
Fair Haven.....	8	306		2	13	6	2	32	225	2	4,500	1	700	140			
Fort Jefferson	5	230		2		4	4	48	315	4	5,300	1	700	380			
Franklin	47	387		3	4	53	1	23	240	1	20,000	1	4,000			1,500	
Germantown	7	151			9	9	1	17	100	1	2,500			75			
Glendale and Pt. Union.....	24	209		4	10	11	4	36	160	4	7,600	1	2,500	50			
Gordon	3	137	1	2	3	1	3	38	280	4	3,900	1	500	35			
Hamilton	11	565		4	9	4	1	47	672	1	40,000	1	10,000		1,000	10,000	
Lewisburg	6	203	1	3	2	3	3	43	243	3	6,000	1	1,300	105			
Miamishburg	15	275		4	12	11	1	30	307	1	8,000	2	4,500	115			
Middletown	19	648	1	5	13	4	1	31	338	1	40,000	1	3,000	150	775	5,378	
Monroe.....	11	175	1	2	2	2	2	25	140	2	6,000	1	2,000	128			
New Paris.....		102			3	1	1	12	75	3	2,800	1	600	25		50	
Osborn	14	349		3		10	4	50	375	4	10,800			125			
Oxford.....	4	334	1	4	3	6	1	20	200	1	20,000	1	1,800	2,000			
Red Lion	6	139		1	4	3	1	15	65	1	5,000	1	1,000	250			
Seven Mile.....	3	212		5	4	8	1	14	90	2	11,000	1	1,500	50			

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Priests.	Deaths.	Children Bapt.	Adults Bapt.	Schools.	Offrs & T hrs.	Scholars of all ages.	Churches.	Probable Val.	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	Paid for build. & improv. Chrs. and Pfts.	Pr'd on old in-debtedness Ch. Property.	Present in-debtedness Ch. Property.
Springboro.....	1	110	.....	2	.....	.....	1	16	86	1	\$2,000	1	\$850	\$14	.....	.....
Walker and Union.....	2	113	1	4	2	9	2	23	115	2	3,500	1	.....	15	.....	.....
West Alexandria.....	6	162	.....	2	.....	.....	1	20	135	1	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Carrollton.....	1	163	.....	3	4	4	1	19	150	1	1,900	1	2,500	560	.....	\$1,500
West Chester.....	17	297	.....	3	60	3	3	30	180	3	6,500	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
West Elkton.....	3	248	4	4	.....	7	5	35	200	4	3,000	1	600	410	.....	300
Totals.....	355	10,505	24	128	192	295	63	1083	8,602	64	391,000	28	70,050	7,488	\$6,917	23,608
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen.....	13	437	.....	3	1	38	4	44	250	4	6,000	1	1,000	215	.....	.....
Amelia.....	10	345	1	4	1	10	3	43	320	4	6,400	1	2,000	22	400	.....
Batavia.....	26	246	.....	5	8	1	1	27	251	1	15,000	1	1,500	67	.....	.....
Bethel.....	9	373	1	.....	.....	29	5	54	350	4	4,700	1	600	100	.....	.....
Butlerville.....	10	300	.....	2	5	10	4	60	285	4	5,500	.....	.....	200	.....	.....
Centenary.....	1	260	1	3	5	6	5	50	125	4	8,000	.....	.....	20	.....	.....
Chilo.....	14	346	.....	3	3	23	4	52	260	4	6,000	1	600	150	.....	.....
Decatur.....	.....	255	2	9	3	.....	4	50	250	4	6,900	1	1,100	140	.....	.....
Dunkinsville.....	4	244	2	1	1	15	4	41	250	4	1,700	.....	.....	900	.....	.....
Feesburg.....	18	226	.....	3	.....	5	60	212	5	3,000	1	1,000	.....	213	250	.....
Felicity.....	22	324	1	2	6	6	2	50	250	2	5,000	1	1,000	100	.....	.....
Georgetown.....	8	497	.....	2	5	3	4	257	3	8,500	1	700	25	.....	.....	.....
Goshen.....	17	335	.....	.....	1	2	3	36	245	3	4,000	1	1,000	250	.....	.....
Laurel.....	12	500	.....	5	2	.....	4	63	320	4	6,800	1	300	50	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	12	352	1	7	6	1	27	300	1	12,000	1	2,500	.....	1,629	300	.....
Lebanon Circuit.....	.....	216	.....	3	.....	1	28	209	2	4,000	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maineville.....	.....	360	2	6	6	4	30	350	2	7,000	1	1,200	350	.....	.....	.....
Manchester.....	23	444	2	8	10	15	5	52	330	5	4,900	1	1,000	200	.....	.....
Marathon.....	19	232	.....	8	3	27	3	44	290	3	6,500	1	3,500	40	200	750
Mason.....	5	273	.....	12	6	1	18	175	1	6,000	1	2,500	705	.....	.....	.....
Milford.....	4	80	1	3	1	2	.....	.....	3	2,000	.....	.....	325	.....	55	.....
Montgomery.....	10	395	3	5	10	33	4	50	352	4	12,000	.....	.....	901	800	.....
Moscow.....	6	89	.....	2	1	1	14	144	1	6,000	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....
Mount Washington.....	.....	128	.....	3	2	.....	1	18	125	1	4,000	1	1,500	.....	.....	200
New Richmond.....	31	496	1	5	5	48	4	58	475	4	5,000	1	1,200	280	.....	.....
Owensville.....	14	319	.....	3	27	3	49	326	3	2,800	1	1,200	135	.....	.....	.....
Peebles.....	10	265	.....	.....	1	18	225	1	20,000	1	20,000	1	3,000	200	.....	.....
Ripley.....	16	282	1	5	14	12	3	52	260	4	5,500	2	2,200	50	.....	.....
Summerside.....	20	456	1	9	1	46	3	38	360	3	3,700	1	800	4,500	.....	.....
West Union.....	5	250	1	6	3	10	1	27	153	1	3,500	1	2,000	100	.....	.....
Williamsburg.....	11	323	2	7	.....	5	64	325	5	5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	350	9,683	23	142	104	387	93	1258	8,024	94	196,500	25	34,900	9,179	3,343	2,355
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast.....	10	500	1	4	.....	25	6	70	385	6	6,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Blanchester.....	25	440	1	1	5	34	3	52	400	3	17,000	1	1,600	.....	100	100
Bowersville.....	12	316	1	3	16	13	2	40	218	4	5,900	1	800	135	2	22
Clarksville.....	41	290	.....	8	35	20	3	36	120	2	2,500	1	1,000	325	.....	.....
Greenfield.....	26	1,067	.....	8	3	7	1	32	700	1	10,000	1	6,500	3,000	.....	1,500
Highland.....	11	373	2	4	.....	4	1	64	306	4	6,200	1	800	25	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	8	840	1	11	5	25	1	25	600	1	12,000	1	3,000	1,200	.....	.....
Hillsboro Circuit.....	.....	140	1	2	12	3	18	125	3	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamestown.....	4	338	.....	7	.....	1	22	175	1	1,200	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leesburg.....	6	349	2	6	3	2	3	49	380	3	12,800	1	2,000	7,500	.....	.....
Lynchburg.....	15	500	1	10	20	4	80	450	4	7,000	1	1,800	100	.....	150	.....
Martinsville.....	12	226	1	4	.....	2	3	40	130	4	4,700	1	600	.....	.....	.....
Morrow.....	12	185	.....	6	.....	4	1	24	125	1	3,500	1	1,500	25	.....	.....
Mount Orab.....	52	406	2	10	.....	5	4	58	422	4	4,200	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
New Burlington.....	13	552	4	4	.....	2	4	58	405	4	6,400	1	1,500	500	40	100
New Jasper.....	1	326	.....	4	3	2	3	34	140	3	7,440	1	1,800	135	40	.....
New Vienna.....	.....	325	1	3	.....	3	40	220	3	10,000	1	1,500	650	600	.....	.....
Rainsboro.....	12	425	1	8	.....	4	75	488	4	8,500	1	2,000	1,030	.....	.....	.....
Sabina.....	5	300	1	1	.....	1	20	210	1	14,000	1	2,000	.....	285	215	.....
Sinking Spring.....	22	367	2	5	1	19	6	45	305	6	4,500	1	750	900	150	.....
South Lebanon.....	.....	110	.....	1	8	2	1	15	100	1	3,000	1	1,250	56	121	697
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	57	445	.....	8	4	16	6	80	410	6	6,500	1	100	75	50	50
Union.....	28	315	.....	1	13	19	5	70	278	5	5,600	1	2,200	57	81	1,119
Waynesville.....	10	285	.....	5	1	3	2	39	225	2	6,300	1	2,000	.....	100	.....
Wilmington.....	15	294	.....	2	3	15	1	25	140	1	12,000	1	2,500	350	.....	.....
Winchester.....	7	469	.....	6	1	3	4	50	412	4	5,280	1	1,000	50	441	.....
Xenia: First Church.....	41	744	2	7	38	22	1	34	400	1	40,000	1	5,000	362	3,200	.....
Trinity.....	24	365	.....	4	4	8	1	26	147	1	20,000	1	5,000	160	.....	157
Totals.....	469	11,392	26	143	143	286	82	1221	8,416	83	246,020	27	51,600	16,635	5,060	4,260
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																
Arcanum.....	9	176	1	2	.....	1	1	21	186	1	5,000	1	2,000	150	450	.....
Brandt.....	(14)	140	1	1	5	5	4	45	225	4	4,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Catawba.....	7	480	.....	4	4	4	4	70	400	4	9,000	1	3,000	200	.....	200

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.	S. SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers,	Deaths.....	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd...	Schools of all ages.....	Officers & Teachers.	Churches.....	Probable Value..	Parsonages.....	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Chur'ns and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Chh property.....	Present Indebtedness on Chh property.....
Cedarville.....	18	422	1	3	5	2	2	19	225	2	\$3,600	1	\$2,000	\$165	.....
Christiansburg.....	36	209	2	2	...	17	3	44	155	4	9,000	1	1,000	40	.....
Covington.....	...	140	2	2	...	...	2	16	120	2	4,500	1	2,500	.....	75
Dialton.....	...	272	2	4	2	25	4	66	490	4	11,000	1	1,600	.....	.....
Greenville.....	14	297	2	5	4	15	1	28	232	1	28,000	1	2,700	75	2,000
King's Creek.....	18	217	1	1	5	...	4	32	176	4	3,300	1	1,000	20	30
Mechanicsburg.....	5	424	...	2	...	...	1	27	325	1	30,000	1	2,500	.....	.....
Mutual.....	17	300	...	3	...	...	4	55	245	4	7,700	1	700	75	50
New Carlisle.....	6	281	1	2	...	13	2	35	320	2	6,500	1	1,000	.....	.....
New Moorefield.....	16	266	...	...	...	4	50	300	4	10,000	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace.....	38	462	1	14	52	69	1	30	280	1	7,000	1	4,000	325	200
Greene Street.....	63	660	1	8	1	2	1	37	300	1	26,500	1	8,000	180	931
South Charleston.....	20	336	...	6	...	9	2	39	250	2	13,000	1	3,000	325	.....
South Charleston Circuit.....	25	205	...	3	...	...	5	50	250	5	6,000	...	.....	300	.....
Springfield: Central.....	31	853	3	15	28	13	1	64	550	1	20,000	1	10,000	245	575
Clifton.....	26	346	2	2	14	7	2	48	336	1	2,000	...	.....	.....	.....
Grace.....	10	180	1	...	22	5	1	25	210	1	3,500	...	.....	175	50
High Street.....	4	456	1	4	2	9	1	31	242	1	30,000	1	10,000	200	.....
St. Paul.....	9	493	...	6	10	1	1	43	419	1	50,000	1	5,000	110	.....
Tippecanoe City.....	7	245	3	4	...	6	1	25	225	1	15,000	1	2,000	60	500
Tremont.....	14	419	...	4	...	4	4	60	450	4	19,000	1	1,200	286	.....
Troy.....	18	598	2	5	...	4	1	38	310	1	15,000	1	5,000	4,100	50
Troy Circuit.....	2	375	...	5	3	14	4	40	300	4	6,500	1	1,500	120	.....
Urbana: First Church.....	14	636	...	16	8	16	1	27	371	1	20,000	1	4,000	1,070	.....
Grace.....	18	564	2	6	5	10	1	21	400	1	25,000	1	4,000	.....	.....
Yellow Springs.....	7	323	2	1	5	7	2	33	255	3	5,500	1	1,200	100	.....
Totals.....	466	10,785	31	13	186	254	65	1124	8,547	66	395,600	26	81,100	\$8,021	\$4,461

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		S. SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd....	Schools.....	Officers & Teach.	Scholars of all ages.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.	Parsonages.....	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Churs. and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.....	Present Indebtedness on Church property.....
Cincinnati.....	411	9059	25	115	252	260	57	997	8457	57	\$792200	18	\$100500	\$7775	\$11052	\$35247
Georgetown.....	350	9683	23	142	104	387	93	1258	8024	94	196500	25	34900	9179	3343	2355
Dayton.....	355	10505	24	128	192	295	63	1083	8602	64	391000	28	70050	7488	6947	23608
Hillsboro.....	469	11392	26	143	143	286	82	1221	8416	83	246020	27	51600	16635	5060	4260
Springfield.....	466	10785	31	130	186	254	65	1125	8547	66	395600	26	81100	8021	4461	16929
Totals	2051	51424	129	658	877	1482	360	5684	42046	364	2021320	124	338150	49098	30863	82399
Totals 1897.....	2638	51052	129	643	777	1696	355	5596	42471	364	2015000	121	328450	60060	18003	95728
Increase .....	.....	372	...	15	100	.....	5	88	.....	.....	6320	3	9700	.....	12860	.....
Decrease	587	.....	.....	.....	.....	214	.....	.....	425	.....	.....	.....	.....	10962	.....	13329

STATISTICS No. II, BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, C. F. ENYART, Georgetown, Ohio.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.							
	No. of Schools..	No. Officers and Teachers. . . .	No. of Scholars of all Grades. . . .	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers..	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year. . . .
Cincinnati,	57	997	8,457	4,629	466	912	1,458	384
Dayton,	64	1,083	8,602	5,045	372	1,081	2,381	388
Georgetown,	93	1,258	8,024	5,146	125	1,100	2,830	576
Hillsboro,	82	1,221	8,416	5,610	63	1,338	2,792	433
Springfield,	65	1,024	8,547	5,726	272	1,324	3,840	625
Totals, 1898,	361	5,583	42,046	26,156	1,298	5,755	13,301	2,406
Totals, 1897,	358	5,671	42,546	27,970	746	5,477	10,172	2,522
Increase,	3	.....	.....	.....	552	278	3,139	.....
Decrease, . . . . .	.....	88	500	1,814	.....	.....	.....	116

GENERAL STATISTICS, No. III.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders & Bishops.	Conference Claimants	CURRENT EXPENSES.			
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Paid. . .	Am't Apportioned.	Amount Paid. . .			Am't Apportioned.	Church: Session, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	
		Salary..	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .										
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Bond Hill & Pleas. Ridge,	L. E. Linzell,	\$700	.....	\$700	\$705	.....	\$705	Ex. \$5	67	\$28	\$28	\$6	\$3	\$736	\$20	\$170	\$100
Branch Hill,	W. M. West,	500	.....	500	433	.....	433			28	21	6	..	454	3	100	150
Carthage,	F. M. Kirgan,	550	.....	550	550	.....	550			24	24	4	4	578	10	160	100
Cincinnati: Asbury, . . .	Edward McHugh, . .	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200			45	45	14	14	1259	30	350	111
Avondale,	E. O. Buxton,	2000	\$750	2750	2000	\$750	2750			150	150	25	25	2925	140	1500	120
Camp Washington, . . .	C. T. Crum, . . . . .	.....		.....	.....		.....			.....	.....	5	5	5	5	90	100
Christie,	J. R. Colley,	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200			55	55	10	10	1265	40	395	105
Clinton,	C. E. Schenk,	1000	420	1420	1000	420	1420			36	36	18	12	1468	35	700	40
Columbia,	W. A. Deaton,	1000	250	1250	1000	250	1250			32	32	10	5	1287	17	380	123
Cumminsville,	William Runyan, . . .	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300			26	26	8	5	1331	21	500	188
Delta Avenue,	D. J. Starr,	800	.....	800	800	.....	800			22	22	5	5	827	5	200	75
East Pearl Street, . . .	(Geo. M. Hammell), .	300	.....	300	300	.....	300			12	12	3	3	315	4	125	40
Fairmount,	S. G. Pollard,	800	240	1040	800	240	1040			25	25	2	2	1067	10	293	95
Finley,	J. A. Geissinger, . . .	600	.....	600	600	.....	600			14	14	...	...	614	5	300	100
Linwood,	C. L. Myers,	700	.....	700	700	.....	700			22	22	7	7	729	18	200	40
McKendree,	B. D. Hypes,	1050	.....	1050	1050	.....	1050			29	29	3	3	1082	5	250	100
Mt. Auburn,	R. J. Wyckoff,	1300	.....	1300	1300	.....	1300			60	60	20	20	1380	79	700	50
Mt. Lookout,	J. W. Gaddis,	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300			60	60	14	14	1374	50	250	167
Price Hill,	A. C. Turrell,	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200			48	48	8	8	1256	20	450	150
Riverside,	(J. T. Bail),	200	.....	200	200	.....	200			.....	.....	...	...	200	3	.....	20
St. John,	D. W. C. Washburn, .	500	.....	500	410	.....	410	90		12	4	...	...	414	1	178	25
St. Paul,	P. C. Curnick,	1500	1000	2500	1500	1000	2500			135	135	25	25	2660	100	2200	250
Trinity,	C. W. Gullette,	1600	500	2100	1600	500	2100			128	128	30	30	2258	...	1800	200
Walnut Hills,	G. W. Dubois,	2500	1000	3500	2500	1000	3500			225	225	50	50	3775	...	2604	205

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Deficiencies.	SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders & Bishops.	Conference Claim-ants.	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Amount Paid. . .	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid. . .	Am't Ap-portioned.			Church: Sex- ton, Light, Fuel, etc. .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
		Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .									
Cincinnati: Wesley, . .	Gervaise Roughton, .	\$1000	\$500	\$1500	\$1000	\$500	\$1500	.....	\$80	\$90	\$26	\$26	\$1616	\$125	\$1100	\$400
York Street,	W. H. Spybey,	900	.....	900	900	.....	900	.....	45	45	..	3	948	12	390	213
Cleves,	W. J. Dunham,	900	.....	900	900	.....	900	.....	24	24	6	6	930	2	200	125
Delhi,	H. A. M. Henderson, .	(1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....	40	40	7	7	1047)	32	(175	50)
Groesbeck,	F. C. English,	625	.....	625	625	.....	625	.....	22	22	..	..	647	6	90	42
Hartwell,	W. H. Wehrly,	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	75	75	20	20	1495	46	285	160
Harrison,	Henry Hershey,	400	100	500	400	100	500	.....	24	17	..	..	517	4	200	30
Lockland-Wyoming, . .	C. W. Barnes,	1500	350	1850	1500	350	1850	.....	90	90	25	18	1958	130	400	129
Loveland,	E. S. Gaddis,	600	.....	600	400	.....	400	\$200	24	24	6	1	425	10	175	61
Madisonville,	J. L. Shively,	1400	300	1700	1300	300	1600	100	90	83	24	24	1707	165	750	145
Miami,	S. B. Timmons,	600	.....	600	493	.....	493	107	20	12	..	..	505	1	75	75
Newtown,	L. M. Davis,	500	120	620	400	120	520	100	24	18	8	6	544	6	125	45
Norwood: First Church,	W. L. Y. Davis,	1165	.....	1165	1165	.....	1165	.....	28	28	8	8	1201	15	300	90
Grace,	M. E. Ketcham,	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	.....	36	36	15	12	1248	33	175	154
Venice,	O. D. Becker,	500	60	560	530	60	590	Ex. 30	24	24	..	2	616	12	169	167
Westwood,	M. M. Kugler,	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	60	60	20	20	1480	223	900	86
Winton Place,	A. B. Austin,	900	300	1200	900	300	1200	... ....	40	40	16	16	1256	.....	175	50
Totals, . . . . .	. . . . .	38510	6890	45400	37161	6890	44051	629	1942	1889	442	412	46347	1443	19404	4675
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany,	J. A. Easton,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	56	56	10	5	861	10	75	50
Camden,	G. L. Travis,	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	40	40	8	8	648	25	104	61
Centerville,	Philip Trout,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	67	67	8	8	1025	38	188	112
Concord,	O. P. Hoffman,	500	90	590	500	90	590	.....	39	39	8	6	635	35	190	115
Dayton: Broadway, . .	F. M. Clemans,	1093	150	1243	1093	150	1243	.....	84	84	13	13	1340	25	384	240
Grace,	W. A. Robinson, . . .	2000	600	2600	2000	600	2600	.....	188	188	39	39	2927	160	.....	.....

Homest'd av. & Riv'dale,	G. W. Vorhis,	660	.....	660	660	.....	660	.....	43	43	8	5	708	8	437	72
Raper,	L. E. Prentiss,	1450	300	1750	1450	300	1750	.....	127	127	23	23	1900	75	1175	320
St. Paul,	Jolin Pearson,	1250	300	1550	1250	300	1550	.....	90	90	20	20	1660	50	450	400
Trinity,	J. P. Ninde,	600	120	720	536	120	656	64	56	34	..	...	690	2	200	120
Eaton,	Creighton Wones, . . .	1000	150	1150	1100	150	1150	.....	83	83	16	16	1249	60	400	40
Fair Haven,	I. R. Marshall,	600	50	650	600	50	650	.....	47	47	9	9	706	5	110	35
Fort Jefferson,	D. A. McColm,	550	50	600	460	50	510	90	40	33	...	2	545	5	90	90
Franklin,	G. V. Morris,	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	70	70	13	13	1133	42	300	80
Germantown,	H. L. Torbet,	425	.....	425	500	.....	500	Ex. 75	31	31	6	5	536	10	95	69
Glendale and Pt. Union,	W. M. Coffman,	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	80	80	15	15	1015	19	200	80
Gordon,	W. D. English,	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	36	36	7	7	593	9	165	.....
Hamilton,	J. W. Peters,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	140	140	15	15	1955	.....	800	300
Lewisburg,	J. W. Patton,	500	75	575	500	75	575	.....	42	42	8	8	625	15	129	95
Miamisburg,	J. S. Pumplrey,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	87	87	16	16	1303	55	499	139
Middletown,	D. L. Aultman,	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	90	90	15	15	1455	21	1106	125
Monroe,	C. H. Haines,	775	125	900	675	125	800	100	65	42	12	6	848	14	150	50
New Paris,	(M. F. Hawley),	435	60	495	435	60	495	.....	36	36	7	2	533	1	55	25
Osborn,	W. M. Patton,	600	110	710	471	110	581	129	51	45	11	2	628	3	195	220
Oxford,	J. P. Porter,	1100	180	1280	1100	180	1280	.....	93	93	17	15	1388	40	520	65
Red Lion,	G. L. Tufts,	500	75	575	425	75	500	75	40	31	8	2	533	8	75	30
Seven Mile,	J. H. Lease,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	51	51	9	9	760	20	140	50
Springboro,	J. McK. Shultz,	450	50	500	370	50	420	80	36	30	...	4	454	3	75	50
Walker & Union,	G. H. Smith,	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	36	36	8	2	538	5	80	25
West Alexandria,	C. L. Chapman,	500	.....	500	375	.....	375	125	36	25	8	...	400	5	74	50
West Carrollton,	A. K. Stabler,	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	52	52	10	10	882	15	92	84
West Chester,	J. A. Jenkinson,	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	47	47	9	...	647	20	100	60
West Elkton,	Thomas Cundy,	425	50	475	400	50	450	25	31	31	...	3	484	3	75	40
Totals,		25613	4175	29788	25000	4175	29175	613	2120	2026	356	303	31504	806	8728	3292
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																
1868 Aberdeen,	C. W. Horn,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	61	61	9	7	768	15	110	75
Amelia,	A. L. Brokaw,	650	100	750	632	100	732	18	64	62	8	8	802	15	140	79
Batavia,	H. W. Bailey,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	74	74	8	8	1032	38	350	126
Bethel,	A. G. Newton,	500	60	560	460	60	520	40	49	43	9	8	571	3	103	74
Butlerville,	(W. R. Buckles),	463	.....	463	411	.....	411	52	36	36	5	5	452	3	100	60

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, & Bishops	Conference Claimants	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Paid. . .	Amt't Apportioned.	Amount Paid . . .	Amt't Apportioned.			Church: Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, etc. . .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.									
Centenary,	G. B. Shanor,	\$500	\$50	\$550	\$470	\$50	\$520	\$30	\$48	\$48	\$6	\$6	\$574	\$10	\$160	\$55
Chilo,	U. S. Brown,	500	40	540	500	40	540	.....	48	48	7	7	595	5	110	48
Decatur,	T. G. Williams,	600	75	675	510	75	585	90	51	51	9	8	644	7	130	120
Dunkinsville,	(Jas. McNeilan),	275	.....	275	275	.....	275	.....	30	27	2	2	304	5	53	50
Feesburg,	J. H. Davis,	550	75	625	466	75	541	84	56	51	9	6	598	5	80	50
Felicity,	E. T. Lane,	600	100	700	525	100	625	75	60	56	10	5	686	5	200	75
Georgetown,	C. F. Enyart,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	71	71	14	10	881	20	175	54
Goshen,	G. S. Easton,	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	53	53	10	5	733	25	150	100
Laurel,	C. H. Kalbfus,	550	36	586	467	36	403	83	57	50	8	7	460	26	204	40
Lebanon,	Edward Burdsall,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	100	100	12	12	1312	40	335	86
Lebanon Circuit,	(W. E. Shiver),	200	.....	200	200	.....	200	.....	20	20	1	1	221	2	.....	.....
Maineville,	J. S. Whitney,	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	52	50	10	4	654	10	150	75
Manchester,	T. D. Moore,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	60	60	10	4	764	20	175	120
Marathon,	W. S. Gray,	500	60	560	500	60	560	.....	44	44	4	4	608	10	150	86
Mason,	W. A. Wiant,	800	150	950	716	150	866	84	72	62	10	5	933	10	316	145
Milford,	J. W. Mason,	1100	150	1250	1100	150	1250	.....	111	111	15	15	1376	80	325	150
Montgomery,	(J. M. Roberts),	500	.....	500	350	.....	350	150	44	33	...	...	383	.....	.....	.....
Moscow,	J. D. Darling,	605	72	677	642	72	714	Ex. 37	60	60	11	11	785	15	200	110
Mt. Washington,	C. L. Mackey,	600	.....	600	449	.....	449	151	52	30	7	...	479	.....	115	34
New Richmond,	W. J. Baker,	600	100	700	500	100	600	100	54	54	8	5	659	10	140	90
Owensville,	I. E. Price,	550	80	630	512	80	592	38	54	50	9	7	649	8	190	117
Peebles,	A. W. Hook,	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	58	58	9	9	817	10	110	100
Ripley,	J. E. Abrams,	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	76	76	10	10	1136	38	250	40
Summerside,	W. F. Spurrier,	500	75	575	500	75	575	.....	50	50	7	7	632	10	85	105
West Union,	J. E. Beery,	600	60	660	590	60	650	10	57	57	10	10	717	20	100	110
Williamsburg,	G. M. Fulton,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	52	52	8	8	660	30	125	80
Williamsburg Circuit,	(Fee Naylor),	450	.....	450	410	.....	410	40	40	40	5	4	454	2	175	100
Totals,		19143	2358	21501	18135	2358	20393	1008	1804	1738	260	208	22339	497	4906	2554

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Belfast,	(H. O. Collins),	525	100	625	525	100	625	.....	54	54	8	8	687	5	85	65
Blanchester,	A. Hamilton,	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	60	54	9	9	913	10	225	125
Bowersville,	C. C. Peale,	625	75	700	596	75	671	29	50	50	9	9	730	20	165	45
Clarksville,	L. O. Deputy,	600	60	660	535	60	595	65	52	52	9	4	651	20	100	85
Greenfield,	F. G. Mitchell,	1500	400	1900	1500	400	1900	.....	106	106	21	21	2027	104	429	314
Highland,	J. E. H. Sentman, . . .	750	100	850	688	100	788	62	59	54	11	8	850	165	159	91
Hillsboro,	Marion LeSourd,	1400	200	1600	1400	200	1600	.....	152	152	23	23	1775	104	540	150
Hillsboro Circuit, . . .	(E. L. Knox),	220	.....	220	175	.....	175	45	25	20	4	2	197	5	40	20
Jamestown,	Jas. Stephenson,	900	120	1020	800	120	920	100	70	63	12	8	991	40	300	53
Leesburg,	H. C. Middleton,	750	100	850	715	100	815	35	63	60	12	11	886	10	166	66
Lynchburg,	G. T. Perry, 5 mos., } R. E. Smith, 7 mos., }	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	63	63	10	10	923	30	200	150
Martinsville,	J. S. Ruggles,	500	75	575	490	75	565	10	40	40	7	7	612	18	150	50
Morrow,	D. D. Cheney,	650	125	775	650	125	775	.....	50	50	10	8	833	15	139	38
Mt. Orab,	E. L. Hollingsworth, . .	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	54	45	9	2	747	1	153	89
New Burlington,	U. G. Humphrey,	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	63	63	12	12	975	64	215	118
New Jasper,	C. W. Briggs,	700	100	800	708	100	808	Ex. 8	56	56	11	11	875	16	134	42
New Vienna,	John Wilson,	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	59	59	11	11	890	20	200	100
Rainsboro,	W. P. Jackson,	600	100	700	560	100	660	40	50	50	9	9	719	25	200	154
Sabina,	G. P. Austin,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	63	63	11	11	1024	20	235	75
Sinking Spring,	J. L. Duckwall,	400	50	450	400	50	450	.....	44	44	7	7	501	30	175	60
South Lebanon,	J. A. Winkler,	500	100	600	454	100	554	48	42	19	8	4	577	.....	25	30
Sugar Tree Ridge, . . .	W. B. Brown,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	42	42	7	7	649	10	175	100
Union,	J. A. White,	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	63	63	15	15	1078	46	200	102
Waynesville,	A. T. Cowgill,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	63	63	8	8	1021	18	125	75
Wilmingon,	A. N. Spahr,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	84	84	13	13	1297	80	394	117
Winchester,	J. F. McColm,	700	100	800	598	100	698	102	56	56	10	5	759	6	125	120
Xenia: First Church, . .	J. J. McCabe,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	126	126	23	23	1949	100	618	112
Trinity,	C. M. Van Pelt,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	95	95	20	20	1615	60	303	141
Totals,		21570	3675	25245	21044	3675	24719	526	1804	1746	319	286	26751	1042	5975	2687

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Arcanum,	J. H. McNary,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	65	65	5	5	870	.....	150	125
Brandt,	(C. F. B. Runyan), . . .	400	60	460	400	60	460	35	35	5	3	498	100	60
Catawba,	S. W. Campbell,	800	150	950	780	150	930	20	65	61	10	9	1000	20	200	75

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		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid . . .	Amount Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid . . .			S. S. : Lesson Leaves, etc.	Church: Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, etc. . .
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.									
Cedarville,	A. D. Maddox,	\$700	\$150	\$850	\$700	\$150	\$850	.....	\$40	\$40	\$5	\$4	\$894	\$15	\$100	\$100
Christiansburg,	W. L. Spence,	495	60	555	472	60	532	\$23	35	30	6	5	567	8	60	60
Covington,	T. P. Walter, 8 mos., (J. G. Talbott), 4 mos.,	500	100	600	320	100	420	180	25	18	4	2	440	.....	50	55
Dialton,	R. S. McColm,		650	100	750	650	100	750	45	45	10	10	805	28	150	120
Greenville,	C. L. Conger,	1050	150	1200	1050	150	1200	.....	90	90	8	8	1298	40	555	119
King's Creek,	(F. Ziegler),	400	100	500	324	100	424	76	35	35	10	2	461	.....	125	56
Mechanicsburg,	E. H. Cherington, . .	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	80	80	10	10	1290	40	360	156
Mutual,	J. L. Dalbey,	600	75	675	580	75	655	20	40	40	10	10	705	10	112	100
New Carlisle,	C. W. Elliott,	700	100	800	564	100	664	136	65	50	9	7	721	32	171	65
New Moorefield,	J. F. Laird,	630	100	730	600	100	700	30	60	55	8	8	763	20	215	50
Piqua: Grace,	F. E. Vance,	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	50	50	5	5	1055	25	350	240
Greene Street,	H. D. Ketcham, . . .	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	140	140	20	20	2160	80	927	189
South Charleston, . . .	D. C. Vance,	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	75	75	10	10	1085	26	205	85
South Charleston Circuit,	D. S. Ewry,	520	100	620	520	100	620	.....	40	30	8	4	654	5	300	75
Springfield: Central, . .	V. F. Brown,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	20	20	2155	58	621	190
Clifton Avenue,	C. D. Munsey,	650	115	765	650	115	765	.....	20	20	5	5	790	18	205	131
Grace,	E. M. Ellsworth, . . .	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	.....	15	15	1	1	716	7	125	115
High Street,	J. A. Story,	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200	.....	135	135	20	20	2355	100	1131	254
St. Paul,	J. W. Magruder, . . .	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	20	20	2155	75	1243	153
Tippecanoe City,	J. R. Hill,	600	125	725	600	125	725	.....	40	40	8	5	770	10	135	85
Tremont,	Frank Leever,	800	96	896	654	96	750	146	75	61	10	8	819	27	325	140
Troy,	S. O. Royal,	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	.....	115	115	20	20	1835	112	350	192
Troy Circuit,	O. M. Sellers,	700	100	800	712	100	812	Ex. 12	40	40	7	7	859	30	150	50
Urbana: First Church, . .	M. B. Fuller,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	130	130	15	15	1645	96	703	160
Grace,	J. G. Vaughan,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	120	120	12	12	1632	96	750	250
Yellow Springs,	R. K. Deem,	675	100	775	762	100	862	Ex. 87	55	55	10	10	927	20	158	98
Totals,		25120	5131	30251	24588	5131	29719	532	2000	1940	291	265	31924	998	10026	3548

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAME OF DISTRICTS.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders & Bishops.	Conference Claimants	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid. . .	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid . . .			Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc. . .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .									
Cincinnati, . . .	\$38,510	\$6,890	\$45,400	\$37,161	\$6,890	\$44,051	\$629	\$1,942	\$1,889	\$442	\$412	\$46,347	\$1,443	\$19,404	\$4,675
Dayton,	25,613	4,175	29,788	25,000	4,175	29,175	613	2,120	2,026	356	303	31,504	806	8,728	3,292
Georgetown, . . .	19,143	2,358	21,501	18,135	2,358	20,393	1,008	1,804	1,738	260	208	22,339	497	4,906	2,554
Hillsboro,	21,570	3,675	25,245	21,044	3,675	24,719	526	1,804	1,746	319	286	26,751	1,042	5,975	2,687
Springfield, . . .	25,120	5,131	30,251	24,588	5,131	29,719	532	2,000	1,940	291	265	31,924	998	10,026	3,548
Totals,	129,956	22,229	152,185	125,928	22,229	148,057	3,308	9,670	9,339	1,668	1,474	158,865	4,786	49,039	16,756
Totals, 1897, . .	130,516	21,886	152,302	127,422	21,886	149,205	3,018	9,968	9,596	1,523	1,421	160,347	5,267	50,798	15,995
Increase, . . . .	.....	343	.....	.....	343	.....	290	.....	.....	145	53	.....	.....	.....	761
Decrease,	560	.....	117	1,494	.....	1,148	.....	298	257	.....	.....	14,82	481	1,759	.....

GENERAL STATISTICS, No. IV.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension . . .	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freemen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . .	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society . . .	Total Other Benevolent Collections. .	Missionary Debt. . . .	Conference Claimants . .	Episcopal Fund.	Christ's Hos- pital.
	Church .	Sunday-school .	Total . .					Public Educn Collec'n	Child'n's Fund. .								
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge, .	\$45	.....	\$45	\$4	\$1	\$1	\$4	\$3	.....	.....	\$32	.....	.....	\$20	\$20	\$3	\$3
Branch Hill,	3	\$2	5	2	1	1	2	1	.....	\$1	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Carthage,	12	18	30	2	1	.....	2	.....	\$1	.....	21	.....	.....	10	4	.....	.....
Cincinnati: Asbury,	71	53	124	11	3	3	13	1	1	4	21	\$42	\$31	30	14	37	37
Avondale,	394	34	428	132	20	16	163	19	7	29	5,215	316	1,561	140	25	542	542
Camp Washington,	20	30	50	5	5	5	5	5	8	3	48	1	29	5	5	.....	.....
Christie,	60	20	80	5	1	1	5	.....	2	1	24	202	72	10	40	10	10
Clifton,	86	17	103	10	6	1	10	2	5	8	214	37	298	30	12	25	25
Columbia,	16	36	52	7	1	1	8	1	.....	.....	43	.....	15	17	5	10	10
Cumminsville,	25	20	45	6	1	1	15	1	4	.....	41	.....	.....	21	5	.....	.....
Delta Avenue,	22	21	43	5	1	1	5	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....
East Pearl Street,	8	.....	8	1	1	1	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	3	.....	.....
Fairmount,	10	20	30	10	1	1	1	.....	2	1	47	.....	8	10	2	.....	.....
Finley,	20	5	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	5	5
Linwood,	52	14	66	2	2	2	10	.....	2	3	.....	.....	20	18	7	.....	.....
McKendree,	15	15	30	1	1	1	2	.....	2	.....	.....	2	20	5	3	13	13
Mt. Auburn,	140	39	179	34	8	8	37	.....	16	10	214	105	98	79	20	2	2
Mt. Lookout,	103	76	179	46	1	1	56	3	3	5	251	185	130	50	14	61	61
Price Hill,	62	18	80	10	2	2	12	1	5	2	55	54	193	20	8	2	2
Riverside,	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
St. John,	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul,	337	52	389	25	5	5	30	5	.....	10	272	365	260	100	25	107	107
Trinity,	175	25	200	15	2	2	15	.....	.....	.....	508	119	165	70	30	543	543
Walnut Hills,	425	478	903	149	17	16	140	26	9	48	737	872	562	180	50	.....	.....

Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel, . .	546	107	653	102	15	20	102	28	8	20	323	.....	1,138	50	125	26	60
York Street,	25	25	50	5	1	1	15	.....	6	3	43	92	114	.....	12	3	4
Cleves,	16	4	20	1	.....	1	2	2	.....	1	18	.....	.....	.....	2	6	3
Delhi,	63	.....	63	2	2	2	14	4	.....	2	25	.....	.....	.....	32	7	.....
Groesbeck,	34	6	40	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....
Hartwell,	88	44	132	10	1	1	10	2	22	2	54	140	34	.....	46	20	2
Harrison,	25	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
Lockland and Wyoming, . . .	505	65	570	57	.....	.....	146	.....	5	.....	423	.....	620	.....	130	18	.....
Loveland,	25	42	67	7	6	1	10	2	5	3	10	.....	5	20	10	1	5
Madisonville,	223	130	353	36	6	5	35	10	9	9	272	.....	30	20	165	24	175
Miami,	7	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Newtown,	28	7	35	10	1	1	9	.....	3	1	56	.....	2	.....	6	6	14
Norwood: First Church, . . .	18	32	50	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	5	15	8	4
Grace,	35	40	75	14	2	1	10	.....	4	2	1	191	120	20	33	12	27
Venice,	40	5	45	2	1	1	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	2	.....
Westwood,	890	26	916	281	54	56	533	50	61	105	145	.....	953	129	223	20	939
Winton Place,	130	.....	130	13	1	1	11	6	2	3	74	102	17	.....	55	16	18
Totals,	4,802	1,527	6,329	1,025	172	162	1,439	175	197	278	9,284	2,826	6,459	414	1,743	419	2,611
DAYTON DISTRICT.																	
Bethany,	120	5	125	3	1	1	103	.....	2	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	10	5	.....
Camden,	39	11	50	12	2	2	10	4	4	3	10	.....	.....	22	25	8	7
Centerville,	100	32	132	14	2	2	8	1	5	2	33	.....	25	.....	38	8	.....
Concord,	76	7	83	16	1	1	16	.....	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	6	.....
Dayton: Broadway,	157	60	217	10	2	2	12	4	11	2	74	189	.....	.....	25	13	.....
Grace,	458	130	588	40	5	5	30	.....	22	15	179	215	68	.....	160	39	.....
Homestead Ave. & Riverdale, .	10	30	40	5	1	1	4	.....	7	1	.....	.....	4	.....	8	5	.....
Raper,	210	255	465	28	3	2	29	28	23	5	208	392	233	35	75	23	10
St. Paul,	127	83	210	23	1	1	26	10	1	4	212	82	215	.....	50	20	12
Trinity,	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	11	13	2	.....	.....
Eaton,	165	25	190	25	2	2	25	.....	5	5	26	65	.....	20	60	16	5
Fair Haven,	82	8	90	29	2	2	29	.....	7	3	.....	.....	5	37	.....	9	.....
Fort Jefferson,	8	4	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	5	2	.....
Franklin,	59	21	80	8	2	2	30	.....	6	3	22	20	10	25	42	13	17
Germantown,	35	10	45	3	2	1	4	1	2	1	15	.....	.....	.....	10	5	.....

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension . . .	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . .	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Total Other Benevolent Collections..	Missionary Debt. . . .	Conference Claimants. .	Episcopal Fund. . . .	Christ's Hos- pital. . . .	
	Church. .	Sunday-school..	Total. .					Public Edu'nal Collec'n	Child'n's Fund..									
Glendale and Port Union, . . .	\$26	\$16	\$42	\$13	\$1	\$1	\$18	.....	\$9	\$1	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$19	\$15	\$8
Gordon,	61	29	90	15	1	1	15	.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	7	.....
Hamilton,	44	61	105	25	2	2	30	\$10	.....	5	\$127	.....	\$196	\$20	35	15	54
Lewisburg,	25	5	30	5	1	1	8	2	2	1	.....	\$18	.....	.....	15	8	3
Miamisburg,	125	75	200	9	3	3	7	.....	11	2	62	124	81	25	55	16	25
Middletown,	45	30	75	34	2	2	22	.....	4	.....	51	147	.....	20	21	15	.....
Monroe,	32	27	59	5	2	2	3	.....	5	1	2	.....	.....	.....	14	6	11
New Paris,	3	.....	3	1	1	.....	2	.....	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	2	.....
Osborn,	12	.....	12	4	1	1	6	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	.....
Oxford,	90	23	113	9	3	2	9	5	4	9	58	24	.....	.....	40	15	23
Red Lion,	20	5	25	3	.....	.....	16	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	10	7	8	2	4
Seven Mile,	40	20	60	10	1	1	10	1	3	11	.....	.....	.....	20	20	9	.....
Springboro,	9	1	10	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	33	.....	5	3	4	.....
Walker and Union,	11	6	17	2	1	1	2	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2	5
West Alexandria,	1	4	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
West Carrollton,	37	.....	37	10	1	1	10	3	.....	1	62	.....	10	.....	15	10	23
West Chester,	13	2	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
West Elkton,	10	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....
Totals,	2,252	987	3,239	368	47	43	486	70	161	79	1,175	1,311	868	249	821	303	207	
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																		
Aberdeen,	30	10	40	3	1	1	3	.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	7	5
Amelia,	40	10	50	4	1	1	3	.....	5	1	.....	.....	25	.....	15	8	.....
Batavia,	55	15	70	4	1	1	4	1	3	1	7	.....	36	25	38	8	.....
Bethel,	13	7	20	6	1	1	2	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	20	3	8	16
Butlerville,	21	5	26	1	1	1	1	.....	5	1	1	1	2	6	3	5	5

Centenary,	20	10	30	5	1	1	2	2	8	2	2	2	.....	10	6	.....
Chilo,	18	.....	18	2	.....	1	2	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	10	5	7	.....
Decatur,	100	.....	100	5	1	1	5	3	3	1	12	.....	3	120	6	8 34
Dunkinsville,	12	.....	12	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	5	2
Feesburg,	18	5	23	1	.....	.....	1	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	6
Felicity,	4	11	15	2	.....	.....	2	1	1	1	25	.....	.....	.....	5	5
Georgetown,	74	19	93	14	1	1	13	2	5	2	23	.....	.....	20	10	10
Goshen,	75	65	140	6	1	1	6	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	15	25	5	.....
Laurel,	45	5	50	5	1	1	5	1	5	1	.....	.....	.....	26	7	.....
Lebanon,	93	70	163	10	3	3	25	2	6	5	112	.....	26	40	12	29
Lebanon Circuit,	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Maineville,	26	12	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	4
Manchester,	15	25	40	2	2	.....	2	.....	10	.....	22	.....	.....	20	4	.....
Marathon,	53	2	55	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	30	.....	.....	10	4	10
Mason,	36	14	50	5	1	1	3	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	10	5	.....
* Milford,	173	27	200	20	3	3	20	5	4	6	37	21	.....	10	80	15 40
Montgomery, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moscow,	35	15	50	8	1	2	5	2	7	1	.....	.....	20	15	11	.....
Mt. Washington,	4	16	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Richmond,	31	7	38	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	28	12	10	5
Owensville,	54	6	60	5	1	2	6	1	3	1	.....	1	.....	12	8	7
Peebles,	56	30	86	10	1	1	10	3	5	1	14	.....	2	20	10	9 3
Ripley,	70	25	95	2	1	.....	5	.....	.....	4	15	21	.....	20	38	10
Summerside,	72	13	85	7	1	1	7	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	10	7	.....
West Union,	85	.....	85	10	1	5	10	.....	7	2	37	.....	.....	10	20	10
Williamsburg,	61	19	80	3	1	1	3	5	8	2	18	.....	.....	20	31	8
Williamsburg Circuit,	30	.....	30	1	.....	1	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4
Totals,	1,421	443	1,864	147	28	32	152	32	136	37	356	46	96	361	495	208 152
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
1898 Belfast,	80	5	85	5	1	1	5	.....	6	1	.....	.....	.....	11	5	8
Blanchester,	35	20	55	3	1	1	2	1	3	2	.....	.....	100	10	9	.....
Bowersville,	91	9	100	7	2	2	6	2	14	2	.....	.....	.....	20	20	8 2
Clarksville,	40	5	45	5	1	1	6	5	9	1	13	.....	.....	20	20	4
Greenfield,	210	123	333	21	9	7	21	9	7	16	88	166	61	170	104	21 2

* Milford : \$500 additional to Ohio Wesleyan University, and \$20 on Missionary Debt.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss. Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	Missionary Debt.	Conference Claimants.
	Church.	Sunday-school.	Total.					Public Edu'nal Collec'n	Child's Fund.						
Highland,	\$90	\$25	\$115	\$5	\$1	\$1	\$5	\$1	\$4	\$1	\$97	.....	.....	\$11	\$8
*Hillsboro,	275	125	400	30	4	3	26	5	5	10	89	\$142	.....	\$17	\$8
Hillsboro Circuit,	15	.....	15	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	140	104	23
Jamestown,	42	85	127	6	1	1	5	.....	4	2	51	.....	.....	5	2
Leesburg,	10	18	28	3	2	1	4	2	5	2	15	6	.....	40	18
Lynchburg,	105	16	121	8	2	2	7	.....	3	2	45	.....	20	10	11
Martinsville,	41	14	55	10	2	2	9	4	.....	4	.....	.....	20	30	10
Morrow,	40	13	53	11	2	2	6	3	.....	1	.....	.....	20	18	7
Mt. Orab,	65	15	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	15	8
New Burlington,	211	24	235	36	6	5	33	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2
New Jasper,	65	5	70	7	3	3	6	6	7	5	.....	.....	\$32	64	12
New Vienna,	83	10	93	5	1	1	5	.....	2	4	.....	.....	20	16	11
Rainsboro,	67	18	85	10	1	1	6	1	2	1	77	.....	9	20	11
Sabina,	38	32	70	5	1	1	5	.....	10	.....	28	.....	16	25	9
Sinking Spring,	85	20	105	12	2	4	12	3	1	4	.....	.....	6	20	11
South Lebanon,	20	5	25	.....	.....	.....	2	2	5	.....	.....	.....	20	30	7
Sugar Tree Ridge,	52	8	60	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	4
Union,	135	36	171	20	3	2	17	.....	20	5	64	.....	.....	10	7
Waynesville,	50	20	70	2	1	1	2	1	.....	1	32	.....	20	46	15
Wilmington,	160	50	210	15	2	2	15	4	5	5	58	.....	.....	18	8
Winchester,	25	10	35	3	1	1	3	1	4	1	.....	.....	20	80	13
Xenia—First Church,	396	123	519	35	4	4	55	15	10	23	66	39	114	6	5
Trinity,	155	50	205	17	1	1	15	.....	5	9	75	145	11	100	23
Totals,	2,681	884	3,565	283	54	51	279	65	134	102	801	498	318	614	285
															150

* For Missions, \$100; on Missionary Debt, \$100; total, \$200. From Jane Head, in memory of her husband, J. B. Head.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Arcanum,	8	35	43	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	12
Brandt, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catawba,	90	10	100	5	1	1	5	5	10	1	5	.....	.....	.....	20	9	7
Cedarville,	48	3	51	3	1	1	3	.....	3	5	3	.....	.....	20	15	4	9
Christiansburg,	70	5	75	2	1	.....	2	2	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	8	5	.....
Covington,	10	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dialton,	142	7	149	6	1	1	5	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	20	28	10	.....
Greenville,	48	17	65	5	3	3	5	3	3	2	8	6	93	.....	40	8	.....
King's Creek,	5	.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Mechanicsburg,	105	96	201	10	.....	2	7	2	4	2	32	18	.....	.....	40	10	10
Mutual,	51	4	55	3	2	1	3	2	10	1	.....	.....	.....	1	11	10	.....
New Carlisle,	42	22	64	5	1	1	5	1	4	1	.....	.....	3	5	32	7	.....
New Moorefield,	68	8	76	10	1	1	10	1	5	1	.....	.....	.....	30	20	8	12
Piqua: Grace,	50	50	100	10	3	3	15	17	10	11	54	72	268	25	25	5	10
Greene Street,	288	112	400	43	2	2	66	4	6	51	178	148	15	20	80	20	35
South Charleston,	126	24	150	16	3	4	10	1	4	6	15	14	594	.....	26	10	.....
South Charleston Circuit,	15	5	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5	4	.....
Springfield: Central,	203	172	375	44	7	10	64	18	23	10	119	170	.....	101	58	20	.....
Clifton Avenue,	10	58	68	9	2	2	5	2	9	2	2	.....	.....	18	18	5	.....
Grace,	15	6	21	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	1	.....
High Street,	365	80	445	30	5	5	30	.....	11	5	170	312	145	40	100	20	15
St. Paul,	280	70	350	20	1	1	20	2	17	1	65	149	225	20	75	20	.....
Tippecanoe City,	40	20	60	8	2	2	5	.....	9	1	.....	.....	.....	10	10	5	.....
Tremont,	100	7	107	14	.....	.....	11	1	5	.....	8	.....	6	.....	27	8	.....
Troy,	318	144	462	47	2	2	62	.....	164	28	92	179	40	40	112	20	552
Troy Circuit,	96	4	100	10	2	2	10	2	28	3	.....	.....	.....	18	30	7	24
Urbana: First Church,	350	100	450	30	5	5	38	.....	13	5	150	175	62	20	96	15	5
Grace,	300	100	400	25	5	5	36	100	6	5	105	172	175	20	96	12	14
Yellow Springs,	57	30	87	4	2	2	4	2	8	2	33	33	.....	.....	20	10	.....
Totals,	3,300	1,189	4,489	364	53	57	42	167	366	145	1,072	1,448	1,626	413	999	260	705

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.													
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Ex- tension . . .	Sunday- school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedom's Aid & South- ern Ed. Soc.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Mis- sionary Soc.	Woman's Home Miss- society. . . .	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	Missionary Debt,
	Church..	Sunday- School..	Total..					Public Educ'n Collec'n	Childr'n's Fund..					
Cincinnati,	\$4,802	\$1,527	\$6,329	\$1,025	\$172	\$162	\$1,439	\$175	\$197	\$278	\$9,284	\$2,826	\$6,459	\$414
Dayton,	2,252	987	3,239	368	47	43	486	70	161	79	1,175	1,311	868	249
Georgetown, . . .	1,421	443	1,864	147	28	32	152	32	136	37	356	46	96	361
Hillsboro,	2,681	884	3,565	283	54	51	279	65	134	102	801	498	318	614
Springfield, . . .	3,300	1,189	4,489	364	53	57	423	167	366	145	1,072	1,448	1,626	413
Totals, 1898, . . .	14,456	5,030	19,486	2,187	543	354	2,779	509	994	641	12,688	6,129	9,367	2,051
Totals, 1897, . . .	14,405	5,153	19,558	1,998	361	357	2,688	472	1,118	617	7,336	7,888	16,512	.....
Increase,	51	.....	.....	189	.....	.....	91	37	.....	24	5,352	.....	.....	.....
Decrease, . . . .	.....	123	72	.....	7	12	.....	.....	124	.....	.....	1,759	7,145	227

N. B.—The Conference contributed \$72.71 by collection for missions to cover the above decrease.

CIRCUIT SALARY REPORT.

(Several charges were not reported by their pastors.)

N. B.—The name of the charge is in SMALL CAPS, and the sums opposite each appointment indicate the amount estimated and paid on pastor's salary.

APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			DAYTON—Continued.		
BOND HILL,	\$400	\$400	GORDON,	\$250	\$250
Pleasant Ridge,	300	305	West Baltimore,	155	155
BRANCH HILL, . . . . .	.....	.....	West Sonora,	40	40
Camp Dennison, . . . . .	.....	.....	Pittsburg,	55	55
Miamiville, . . . . .	.....	.....	GLENDAL,	275	275
Concord, . . . . .	.....	.....	Port Union,	300	300
CARTHAGE,	200	200	Valley Chapel,	125	125
Elmwood Place,	350	350	Princeton,	100	100
CLEVES,	600	600	LEWISBURG,	325	325
Addyston,	300	300	Brookville,	105	105
GROESBECK,	300	300	Pymont,	70	70
Asbury,	200	200	MONROE, . . . . .	.....	.....
Dent,	125	125	Amanda, . . . . .	.....	.....
MIAMI, . . . . .	.....	.....	NEW PARIS, . . . . .	.....	.....
Ebenezer, . . . . .	.....	.....	New Hope, . . . . .	.....	.....
Mt. Hope, . . . . .	.....	.....	Gettysburg, . . . . .	.....	.....
Shiloh, . . . . .	.....	.....	West Florence, . . . . .	.....	.....
NEWTOWN,	200	200	OSBORN,	300	300
Armstrong Chapel,	250	220	Medway,	150	150
Madeira,	175	100	Fairfield,	170	88
VENICE, . . . . .	.....	.....	Enon,	150	78
New Haven, . . . . .	.....	.....	SEVEN MILE,	425	425
Okeana, . . . . .	.....	.....	Darrtown,	175	175
DAYTON DISTRICT.			WALKER,	250	250
CAMDEN,	\$300	\$300	Union,	250	250
Somerville,	200	200	WEST CHESTER,	150	150
CENTERVILLE,	565	565	Sharonville,	200	200
Bellebrook,	200	200	Tylersville,	150	150
Lytle,	113	113	GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.		
CONCORD,	169	169	ABERDEEN,	\$210	\$210
Bethany,	80	80	Bradyville,	135	135
Union,	100	100	Ebenezer,	135	135
Ebenezer,	190	190	Fitch Chapel,	120	120
FAIR HAVEN,	397	397	AMELIA,	330	330
Sugar Valley,	250	250	Pleasant Hill,	175	175
HOMESTEAD AVENUE,	240	240	Union Chapel,	95	95
Riverdale,	420	420	Withamsville,	50	30
FORT JEFFERSON,	200	173	BETHEL,	220	220
Hollansburg,	150	127	Mt. Olive,	50	50
Jaysville,	140	106	Lakin,	120	120
New Madison,	108	87	Clermont,	70	70
			Old Bethel,	100	65

APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....
GEORGETOWN—Continued.			GEORGETOWN—Continued.		
BUTLERVILLE,	\$125	\$125	Rossmoyne,	\$100	\$100
Wesley,	150	114	MOSCOW,	220	233
Edenton,	150	150	Calvary,	200	205
McKendree,	75	59	Mt. Pleasant,	141	146
CENTENARY,	154	98	Neville,	114	128
Pleasant Hill,	164	164	OWENSVILLE, . . . . .	.....	.....
Perintown,	104	104	Belfast, . . . . .	.....	.....
Mt. Zion,	104	104	Maple Grove, . . . . .	.....	.....
Mt. Olive,	77	77	Newtonville, . . . . .	.....	.....
CHILO,	185	185	PEEBLES,	400	400
Cedron,	125	125	Jacksonville,	160	160
McKendree,	75	75	Locust Grove,	90	90
Higginsport,	60	60	SUMMERSIDE,	187	187
Smith's Landing,	55	55	Olive Branch,	157	157
DECATUR,	241	218	Asbury,	157	157
Eckmansville,	109	84	Salem,	56	56
North Liberty,	140	133	WEST UNION,	343	343
Russellville,	169	134	Liberty,	182	182
DUNKINSVILLE, . . . . .	.....	.....	Stone,	75	75
FEESBURG,	95	65	WILLIAMSBURG CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....
Eden,	250	255	Afton,	105	105
Hamersville,	85	85	Clover,	105	105
Mt. Zion,	84	36	Branch Hill,	51	51
Pisgah,	100	80	Salem,	92	77
FELICITY, . . . . .	.....	.....	Concord,	97	72
Point Isabel, . . . . .	.....	.....	
GEORGETOWN,	500	500	HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
Freesoil,	115	115	BELFAST,	\$120	\$120
Hillman's,	85	85	London,	120	120
GOSHEN, . . . . .	.....	.....	Louisville,	110	110
Charleston, . . . . .	.....	.....	Folsom,	50	45
Pleasant Plain, . . . . .	.....	.....	Flat Run,	80	80
LAUREL,	210	210	Prospect,	60	60
Mt. Pisgah,	130	130	BLANCHESTER,	600	600
Spring Grove,	110	59	Midland,	100	100
Franklin,	100	66	Kansas,	50	50
LEBANON CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....	BOWERSVILLE,	207	207
Roach Chester, . . . . .	.....	.....	Center,	256	227
Fort Ancient, . . . . .	.....	.....	Hawes,	100	100
Shiloh, . . . . .	.....	.....	Zion,	62	62
Merrittstown, . . . . .	.....	.....	CLARKSVILLE,	227	227
MAINEVILLE, . . . . .	.....	.....	Olive Branch,	196	196
Zoar, . . . . .	.....	.....	Union,	74	74
MANCHESTER,	525	525	HIGHLAND,	400	400
Bentonville,	175	175	Samantha,	175	175
MARATHON,	159	159	Memphis,	225	139
Burdsall,	128	128	Clear Creek,	100	74
Fayetteville,	75	75	HILLSBORO CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....
Greenberry,	75	75	Auburn, . . . . .	.....	.....
Taylor's,	68	68	Samantha, . . . . .	.....	.....
MASON,	442	479	Dume's, . . . . .	.....	.....
Union,	242	180	Pike's, . . . . .	.....	.....
Socialville,	200	157	Brouse's,
MONTGOMERY,	200	131	LEESBURG,
Bethel,	200	121	Olive Chapel,

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APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....
HILLSBORO—Continued.			SPRINGFIELD—Continued.		
East Monroe, . . . . .	.....	.....	Pisgah, . . . . .	.....	.....
LYNCHBURG,	\$315	\$315	Wayne, . . . . .	.....	.....
Dunn's Chapel,	175	175	CATAWBA,	\$295	\$295
Dodsonville,	150	150	Pleasant,	135	135
Russell,	125	125	Nation,	245	245
MARTINSVILLE,	106	106	Fletcher,	125	110
Morrisville,	153	155	CEDARVILLE, . . . . .	.....	.....
Westboro,	172	172	Clifton, . . . . .	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant,	69	69	CHRISTIANSBURG,	185	185
MT. ORAB,	210	210	McKendree,	190	190
New Hope,	60	60	Beech Grove,	80	80
Sardinia,	210	210	Wesley Chapel,	75	47
Shiloh,	120	120	COVINGTON,	425	280
NEW BURLINGTON,	270	270	Pleasant Hill,	75	40
Sharon,	250	250	DIALTON (Newson),	303	303
Lumberton,	230	230	Asbury,	167	167
Zoar,	110	110	Grafton,	67	67
NEW JASPER,	608	613	Simms,	113	113
Mt. Tabor,	74	74	KING'S CREEK, . . . . .	.....	.....
White Chapel,	104	107	Cable, . . . . .	.....	.....
NEW VIENNA,	440	440	Local Chapel, . . . . .	.....	.....
West Chapel,	152	152	MUTUAL,	206	206
Auburn,	177	177	Union,	215	215
RAINSBORO,	248	248	Treacle's Creek,	84	84
Marshall,	162	162	Fountain Park,	94	80
New Petersburg,	125	82	NEW CARLISLE, . . . . .	.....	.....
Boston,	65	65	Donnelsville, . . . . .	.....	.....
SINKING SPRING,	185	186	NEW MOOREFIELD,	135	124
Carmel,	135	141	Moorefield Chapel,	175	175
Pisgah,	67	67	Asbury,	170	151
Cynthiana,	65	58	Fletcher,	150	150
SUGAR TREE RIDGE,	175	180	SOUTH CHARLESTON,	675	675
Buford,	180	205	Selma,	175	175
Danville,	70	70	SOUTH CHARLESTON CIRC'T	.....	.....
New Market,	70	76	Williams Chapel,	150	150
Wesley,	115	79	Pancake Chapel,	175	175
Fairfax,	70	70	Vienna Cross Roads,	150	150
UNION,	260	260	South Solon,	100	100
Glady,	159	159	Brighton,	85	85
Spring Valley,	260	260	TREMONT CITY,	213	152
Mt. Holley,	69	69	Concord,	439	340
Richland,	159	159	Westville,	197	197
WAYNESVILLE,	650	650	Terre Haute,	132	132
Harveysburg,	150	150	TROY CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....
WINCHESTER,	245	251	Bethel,	160	160
Seaman,	185	150	Casstown,	225	234
Mt. Olivet,	150	108	Raper Chapel,	160	162
Emerald,	115	90	West Milton,	155	155
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.			YELLOW SPRINGS,	600	600
BRANDT,	Old Town,	75	75
Palmer,			

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COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE American Bible Society was organized in 1816 to supply Bibles to all peoples, "whether Christian, Mohammedan, or pagan." Its first work was furnishing Bibles to the Indians. Its next work was supplying Bibles to Spanish people in the United States, and it now appears that supplying Bibles to Spanish people in the United States will keep the Society busy for some time to come. Strange as it may seem, it is certainly true that there have come more Spanish people into the United States during the last four months than people of all other nationalities combined. They may have come *volens volens*, or without knowing that they were coming into the United States any more than the spies and prophet-catchers of the Syrian king knew that they were coming into Samaria; but they have come to stay. And we have treated and surprised them like Elisha treated and surprised his captives—with a square meal and liberty. But we must supply them with Bibles in Spanish, and that is more than Spain ever did. Spain has no American Bible Society, and that may be one reason why God has sent these Spanish peoples to us to be educated.

But the American Bible Society can not do this work without money. Indeed, before the accession of these Cubans and Porto Ricans and Philipinos the American Bible Society lacked funds, and for the first time in ninety years had not funds to aid the Missionary Societies of our own and of other Churches in translating and printing the Bible in foreign fields. Last year the American Bible Society needed \$100,000 more than it received to carry on its work. The large bequests that used to go to the American Bible Society have of late years been directed to universities and Church societies. The voice of the late Rev. E. S. Gillette, who for many years pleaded at our Conference gatherings for this cause, is hushed in death; but the cause still waits for our help. The General Conference has given the American Bible Society its strongest indorsement, and in effect made it one of the regular collections for connectional work. From want of funds, the American Bible Society has had to lessen the number of its needed agents, and discontinue in many places its most useful colporteurs, at a time when there is a special necessity and opening doors for such work. Sixty-six thousand copies of the New Testament have been given (free) to United States soldiers during the late war, and more than ten thousand copies were furnished at a part of the cost of manufacture. The agent of the American Bible Society at Hong Kong has been instructed to take the necessary steps for the immediate introduction of the Society's work in the Philippine group of islands, and one thousand dollars have been appropriated to begin the work. If the work of the American Bible Society is crippled, it will cripple the work of God in every Protestant Church. The Bible is the religion of Protestants. We regret that in our whole Conference last year we raised only \$617, but note with encouragement that this was an increase of \$43 over the previous year. The amount should be multiplied the coming year, on the wave of coming prosperity. Therefore be it, by the Cincinnati Conference,

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Resolved, 1. That we will not omit the collection for the American Bible Society from the list of collections we are charged to take, but will earnestly present to our congregations the duty of giving liberally to this worthy and important cause.

Resolved, 2. That we hereby instruct the presiding elders to divide amongst their districts, and distribute to their respective pastoral charges, one thousand dollars, to be raised in our Conference this year for the American Bible Society, in the same manner and proportion as they do collections for other connectional causes, to the end that the entire amount may be raised.

C. T. CRUM, *Chairman.*

D. J. STARR, *Secretary.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

YOUR Committee, after having carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Publishing Committee, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of this Conference, and the Conference Treasurer, and those which came before us relating to the American University, find them carefully and commendably kept, and we believe them to be correct.

W. J. DUNHAM, *Secretary.*

W. A. WIAIT, *Chairman.*

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

THE Methodist Book Concern is operated specially in the interest of Methodism. Its annual literary output is great in quantity, and unexcelled in quality. We recommend to all Methodists the papers published by the Concern, and especially the *Western Christian Advocate* and the *Epworth Herald*, both of which papers should be found in every Methodist home. We need a stronger denominational connectionalism, and a wider view and more extensive knowledge of the great work of our beloved Church. This can best be brought about by keeping in touch with the work actually accomplished, through the knowledge of the same as it comes to us weekly through our Church papers.

Our Sunday-school literary helps are the very best to be found anywhere, and every Methodist Sunday-school should use our own literature. We are gratified at the reports submitted by the Book Concern Agents, and commend the business sagacity and good management which have achieved such favorable results during these trying financial times.

GERVAISE ROUGHTON,
A. N. SPAHR,

GEORGE V. MORRIS,
W. H. WEHRLY.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

REPORTS from the Board of Church Extension show that, from the beginning to November 1, 1897, the collections taken in the Churches of the Cincinnati Conference aggregate \$60,914.69. To this is added this year \$2,187, making a total of \$63,101.69. Forty-one Churches within our bounds have received aid up to November 1, 1897, by donations of \$10,525.12, by loans of \$23,000. Our Conference is asked to raise by collections this year \$6,000. our needy Churches may receive on approved applications \$500. The amount of aid granted must depend on the amount of collections taken, and can not exceed the proportion indicated above.

Nearly six hundred frontier Churches have been procured by special gifts from generous friends of \$250 each. This represents one of the best forms of Church Extension work.

The Loan Fund has proved to be of great value. The principal, including all amounts subject to life annuity, whether specially directed to this fund or not, is now over \$1,037,000. The aggregate of loans to Churches is more than double the amount of the principal. This fund can only be used for loans. From 1866, when this work began, to September 1, 1898, the Board collected and disbursed \$6,125,000. Of this the General Fund derived chiefly from collections, personal gifts for frontier churches (\$250 each), and the Mountain Fund specials of \$100 each, all for use by donations to Churches, has aggregated \$3,940,000. The Loan Fund has a permanent capital of \$1,037,000, and Churches borrowing have returned \$1,148,000, giving for use by loans \$2,185,000, making the aggregate given above \$6,125,000. With this 10,612 Churches have been aided,—more than one-third of the Churches of our denomination.

We recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. We congratulate our Board and the Church at large on the remarkable success of this work for a period of thirty-two years.

2. We heartily commend the literature sent out by our Board of Church Extension to our people.

3. That the increasing need of this work demands increased zeal on our part in procuring funds for this department of our Church work.

J. F. McCOLM, *Secretary*.

J. R. HILL, *Chairman*.

CINCINNATI CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

THE Cincinnati Church Extension Society has not devoted its energies to the accumulation of assets. It has nothing to show in this line but scant figures representing actual necessities for the conduct of one branch of its work; but as a disburser it has made a splendid record, aggregating \$78,245.99 expended in Cincinnati in Church aid and missionary work. Twenty-nine organizations can tell of its timely aid and support.

It has assisted in the payment of indebtedness the following Churches: McLean, Camp Washington, Ivanhoe, Pendleton, and McKendree.

It has assisted in the payment of interest upon indebtedness and building association dues, St. John, Norwood, and North Fairmount.

It has assisted in their respective building enterprises, Addyston, Price Hill, Riverside, Columbia, and Cumminsville.

It has assisted in the payment of current expenses, Arlington, and the colored Churches, Mt. Zion, Cumminsville, and Pendleton.

It has built the two mission churches, McMicken and O'Bryonville.

It has conducted the following missions: McMicken, Sixth Street, O'Bryonville, Central Avenue, Sycamore Hill, and the Italian.

It has conducted special missionary work in the German Theater, by the Gospel Wagon, through the deaconesses, and through a benevolent fund.

It has prosecuted general missionary work through the publication known as the *City Evangelist*, and contributions to the National City Evangelization Union.

The general statistics of the work for the past year are as follows:

Missions.—Membership, full, 121; probationers, 244.

Sunday-schools.—Number, 5; officers and teachers, 49; scholars, 385.

Professions of conversion, 194.

Church Property.—Number of churches, 3; estimated value, \$14,000; incumbrance, \$1,933.33.

Pastoral support, \$1,800.

Current expense, \$727.

Paid on current debt, \$1,449.15.

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Gospel Wagon.—Number of meetings from May 15th to August 27th, 88; estimated average attendance, 300; estimated total attendance, 26,500; number of requests for prayer, 142; number of conversions known, 9.

The local preachers in charge of the Society's mission work, Rev. W. H. Gilson, D. G. Bacon, and L. Olenslayer, have rendered very satisfactory service.

J. R. CLARK, *Superintendent*.

August 31, 1898.

THE ELIZABETH GAMBLE DEACONESS HOME AND CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

I.

TO THE late James Gamble and his family the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cincinnati and surrounding Conferences owe a heavy debt of gratitude for the founding of Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital. It exemplifies Christianity in its most Scriptural and vital forms. Our thanks are due to the Board of Control for the careful, conscientious, and eminently wise administration of its affairs.

The faithful members of the Ladies Aid Society deserve our commendation for efficient and almost indispensable help during the year. A large number of the Epworth Leagues of Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky have called the blessing of Heaven on themselves, and materially aided the Hospital by donating supplies. Every League in the patronizing territory could, and we suggest that they do, ship at least one barrel of supplies to the institution during the coming year.

The needs of the work are multiplying, while its patronizing territory is constantly diminishing by the founding of other similar institutions in neighboring cities. There is need for increased interest and contributions by both pastors and people in the Cincinnati Conference. We recommend that every pastoral charge in the Conference present the cause and take a collection on Hospital Sunday.

The magnificent edifice, formerly occupied by the Cincinnati Wesleyan Female College, having come into the possession of that princely layman, James N. Gamble, he has generously given the Deaconess Home a lease of the property for five years without expense. The Home has thus a commodious and elegant building in a most convenient location. There are now in the Home sixty deaconesses, and the time is not distant when the number will reach one hundred. The Hospital is second to none in Cincinnati. Its atmosphere is cheerful, restful, and religious.

A recent patient said to a member of this Committee, "This place has a heavenly atmosphere, and is full of ministering angels."

Recognizing his peculiar fitness for the work, and remembering his splendid service for the past years, we join with the Board of Trustees in requesting the Bishop to appoint as Corresponding Secretary the Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D. We recommend the election of the following persons as the Conference Board of Control: J. W. Mason, M. M. Kugler, H. C. Weakley, Mrs. J. M. Walden, Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, Mrs. T. H. Pearne, B. R. Cowen, J. N. Gamble, and Robert Johnson.

II.

Your Committee on Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital submit the following additional report:

During the past year Dr. H. C. Weakley, acting for the Board of Trustees, has purchased the property of the Yellow Springs Hotel Company, located at Yellow Springs, Ohio. The grounds consist of ten acres, with abundant shade and three pretty lakes. The building has

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fifty-eight rooms for guests, with all the other appointments of such a hostelry. A two-story veranda runs about two sides of the building, 130 by 140 feet, and two 108 feet. The property was purchased at a mere nominal price, less than the furniture cost a few years ago. But, while obtained at such a bargain, the property is in first-class condition. It is proposed to establish here, under the management of our Deaconess Home Board of Control, a "Home for the Aged," where the old saints of Methodism can be cared for properly.

The conditions of admission, briefly stated, are as follows: Each applicant must be not less than sixty-five years of age, and must have been in full connection in our Church for ten years or more, and for five years previous to application a resident of the State of Ohio, and be recommended to the Board of Control of the Home by the pastor and the Board of Stewards of the Church to which he or she belongs. He or she shall pay into the treasury of the Home an entrance fee of three hundred dollars, or pay three dollars per week while an inmate. The Board of Trustees may make special arrangements for *exceptional* cases at their discretion. It is contemplated that this beautiful and salubrious place shall become an Ohio Methodist Home for the Aged, the child and pride of Ohio Methodism. Your Committee therefore offers the following two resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we heartily approve the action of the Board of Trustees of the Deaconess Home in purchasing this property for a Home for the Aged, and pledge them our moral and material support in the founding and maintaining of such a noble institution.

2. That we invite all the Ohio Conferences to join with the Cincinnati Conference in establishing and operating this Home and enjoying its benefits. We recommend that a Committee of three be appointed to visit these Conferences, and invite their co-operation. We recommend as such Committee, Dr. H. C. Weakley, Dr. J. P. Porter, and Dr. A. B. Leonard.

3. Member of the Committee on Old People's Home, W. A. Robinson. Respectfully submitted. E. T. LANE, *Chairman*.

C. W. GULLETTE, *Secretary*.

EDUCATION.

THE OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THERE is no institution of learning in Methodism more worthy our loyal confidence and support than the Ohio Wesleyan University. We are pleased to note the steady advancement the institution has made in all departments of its work. In scientific equipment, and in that of the modern languages, there has been an increase of one hundred per cent within the last ten years. The School of Oratory, and the departments of Military Training, Law, and Medicine, have been created, and brought to their present place of vantage, while the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Music, and French have been greatly strengthened. In the same length of time the buildings and grounds have increased by reconstruction and additions three hundred per cent, while the number of students in regular attendance has advanced fifty per cent. In requirements for entrance the Ohio Wesleyan University is equal to the best in the land. In scholastic equipment throughout the course no fault can be found, but rather unqualified praise given for the advancing standard of the institution. We note with pleasure the splendid conduct of the university in all lines of its operation, and especially commend the magnificent presidency of our esteemed and peerless Dr. J. W. Bashford, who for nine years has guided the college in unchecked prosperity.

The financial statement of the auditor, B. W. Brown, is as follows:

Assets—Grounds, buildings, equipment.....	\$524,000
Endowment	744,000
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	\$1,268,000
Liabilities	76,000
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Excess of assets.....	\$1,192,000

This shows a most promising condition of affairs; and yet, owing to the increasing competition of other institutions fostered by liberal appropriations from their respective States, there is need of special effort among the Methodists of Ohio toward the more liberal endowment of the university. We owe to our Christian schools of higher education much of our strength and standing in the Christian world; and among them no institution has equal claim upon the Cincinnati Conference with the Ohio Wesleyan University.

No school in this land is better known than is it as a builder of strong minds endowed with moral power. All hail to the Ohio Wesleyan University!

This is the centennial year of Ohio Methodism. Could there be a better time to start the call for \$1,000,000 for the Ohio Wesleyan University as a centennial offering?

We believe that, through wills, moneys given on annuity, and direct gifts, the university ought to receive, and that she will secure, \$1,000,000 by the close of the Centennial of the State in 1903. We hereby pledge ourselves to co-operate with the other Conferences toward securing this essential end.

We hereby recommend the appointment of a Committee, consisting of J. A. Story and Heber D. Ketcham, whose duty shall be to communicate and recommend the above action to the other Ohio Conferences.

Let the appeal sound along the line of \$1,000,000 additional endowment for the university, to be completed by the centennial of the formation of Ohio as a State in 1903.

We recommend to every minister in our Conference the making of special appeals, publicly and privately, for the Ohio Wesleyan University.

We also recommend the setting apart for it of the entire educational collection for the coming year, aside from the Children's Fund.

We recommend the appointment of P. P. Mast as Trustee; and J. P. Porter, C. W. Elliott, as Visitors, and J. W. Gaddis, alternate.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

We congratulate the Church upon her schools of the prophets. Boston, Drew, Evanston, DePauw, and Gammon should be household words. They are the peers of any in the land. These schools are a monumental proof that Methodism believes in an educated ministry. The voices of their graduates proclaim a pure gospel from many of the first pulpits of the world. Their influence is felt to the ends of the earth. We recommend:

1. That candidates for the ministry attend one of our theological schools, according to the recommendation of the Discipline. In this age when college graduates make up a large part of our public congregations, when skeptical teachings are rife within as well as without the Church, in this age of independent research and thought, it behooves the leader of the public mind to be thoroughly fortified and equipped in the things which make for righteousness.

2. That a course in a theological school be not substituted for an academic and collegiate course. The foundation should be laid before the superstructure is built. If necessary, let the candidate omit the post-

graduate work rather than the preparatory, then depend upon his opportunities in the active ministry to supplement his theological study. Still we are convinced that the cases are rare where both courses of study could not be pursued in the schools.

3. That our theological schools should receive the moral and financial support of the entire Church, and the patronage of all who intend to enter the Methodist ministry.

4. That the subject of sociology and kindred themes should receive due attention in the curriculum of study; and that the study of the Bible in English should not be entirely subordinated to the critical study in the ancient languages.

5. That every precaution should be taken not to allow intellectuality to usurp the place of spirituality; and that the evangelistic talent, as well as the missionary spirit, be cultivated in all our young men.

6. That the following named Visitors be appointed: To Boston School of Theology, J. J. McCabe, W. A. Robinson; alternate, J. W. Peters. To Drew Theological Seminary, A. B. Leonard, G. L. Tufts; alternate, R. J. Wyckoff. To Garrett Biblical Institute, C. L. Conger, E. O. Buxton; alternate, M. E. Ketcham.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We note with great pleasure the increasing efficiency of the work of our "Board of Education." Under the splendid leadership of our own esteemed and honored Dr. C. H. Payne, the Society has advanced to a position of commanding influence among the educational forces of the Church. In the past decade the Society has increased in its ability, so that more than three times as many students are being aided to-day as were helped ten years ago. Hundreds of students every year are assisted at the crucial hour, making possible a college course. The money loaned is in many cases being returned, so that the gifts to the Society are repeating themselves in blessing to the Church from year to year. We would urge the proper observance of Children's-day upon all our ministers, recommending to them the use of the exercises and the gratuitously-distributed envelopes prepared by the "Board." We hereby send our greeting to Dr. Payne, the Secretary, trusting God's blessing may continue to crown his work in the years of the future.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

In the Woman's College of Baltimore, Methodism possesses the best equipped college for women in the United States. Its large and modern halls of instruction and administration, its college homes for resident students carefully built after comparison with the best institutions in the land, its well-furnished gymnasium, its commodious chapel, its studios and laboratories and collections, its large and carefully-selected Faculty, its many courses of study, its endowments and scholarships and fellowships, the high standard of work required of its students, the lofty Christian ideals maintained by its trustees and teachers, the moderate cost at which its superior advantages are offered, all commend it to the most hearty support of those who wish to secure for the young women of to-day the best possible education that the age can afford.

We recommend the appointment of M. M. Kugler, T. H. Pearne—alternate, J. F. Marlay—as Visitors to this college for the ensuing year.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

We recommend the following officers: President, J. P. Porter; Vice-President, H. A. M. Henderson; Secretary, A. B. Austin; Treasurer, E. W. Mullikin; additional members, W. R. Warnock, James M. DeCamp, Theodore F. Speer, James N. Gamble.

SPRINGFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL.

The lease of the "Springfield Seminary" corporation will expire in the year 1900, and some plans for the use or disposal of this institution should soon be considered. The possible expansion of our deaconess work, to include a class of Teaching Deaconesses, would instantly create a demand for such property. Romanism gains and holds its influence on the American public chiefly through its hospitals and schools. Many children are now in Roman Catholic schools because Protestantism furnishes no well-known place to which parents or guardians may send those who are too young to enter our seminaries and colleges, yet whose friends are able to pay for their protection and instruction. There is a special field, neither narrow nor unimportant, which we have never attempted to occupy, in which the advantages of both home and school can be combined for young children, and in which at the same time the best instruction can be furnished to those who need chiefly the benefits of a well-equipped school. To that work intelligent and consecrated deaconesses would be peculiarly fitted.

The spacious grounds and building, situated on one of the most beautiful residence streets of the enterprising Champion City, among thrifty and public-spirited people, easy of access by rail from any direction, make it an almost ideal location for the inauguration of such a movement. We commend this subject to the thought of our people, and recommend the appointment of F. G. Mitchell and M. M. Kugler as a Committee to bring before the Conference at its next session any recommendations desired.

We recommend the election of the following-named persons to serve three years as Trustees: P. P. Mast, H. S. Showers, W. R. Warnock, J. F. Marlay, W. Runyan, F. G. Mitchell, J. A. Story.

On their election, the entire Board will be constituted as follows: Term to expire in 1899.—J. A. Hayward, S. D. Clayton, P. C. Curnick, C. W. Barnes, G. W. Dubois, V. F. Brown. Term to expire in 1900.—Robert Johnson, J. S. Shewalter, J. Pearson, E. T. Wells, T. H. Pearne, S. O. Royal. Term to expire in 1901.—P. P. Mast, H. S. Showers, W. R. Warnock, J. F. Marlay, William Runyan, F. G. Mitchell, J. A. Story.

HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

We commend the self-sacrificing and efficient work of Professor George P. Clarke as President of the Hillsboro College; at the same time we recognize the almost insurmountable difficulties in the way of the success of the institution. A Commission was appointed two years ago, and reappointed last year, with instruction to relinquish all Conference control of Hillsboro College, upon such grounds as would satisfy the Conference claim.

This Commission, consisting of William Runyan, T. H. Pearne, G. H. Dart, and Heber D. Ketcham, reports that it has failed to secure any terms of adjustment other than the unconditional surrender of all right to control said institution by this Conference.

We would therefore recommend the continuance of the above-named Commission, and that the Conference instruct that its relation to said institution be severed at the earliest possible date, and on the best terms available, preserving at the same time the honor of the Conference in the oversight of the amounts given under the Conference patronage to the cause of Christian education. Inasmuch as the court has already decided that the owners of the scholarship certificates have not the power to divert the funds to other purpose than that of Christian education, we direct the Commission to take the needed steps for the adjustment through the courts of the funds of the school.

We further recommend the election of the following eight persons

as Trustees for the ensuing year: Jacob Sayler, W. C. Duckwall, George Barrere, Charles Harsha, O. N. Sams, J. B. Worley, the presiding elder of Hillsboro District, and the pastor of Hillsboro Station; these Trustees to have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number in the interim of the Conference sessions.

HEBER D. KETCHAM, *Secretary*. WILLIAM RUNYAN, *President*.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

It is with pleasure we record the increased prosperity of our youngest Church organization, the Epworth League. The possibilities of the League as an agency under God to "Lift Up," as well as "Look Up," have been evinced in the inspiration and helpfulness in the revival work of the past year, and in its loyal support to the regular Church services. While recognizing the spiritual work of the League as the supreme end of its being, we would—

1. Commend the Mercy and Help Department as an avenue of gracious ministration, and we would suggest to Leagues that seem to have no immediate demands for the practical exercise of these graces Christ's Hospital and the Home of the Aged as institutions most worthy of mercies bestowed and helpfulness extended.

To correct any possible tendency toward independence of action in the League with regard to Church work, and to make the League more a feeder and a part of the Church, rather than a mere auxiliary to it, we suggest—

2. That the pastors urge a more faithful attendance of the Presidents at the Official Boards and Quarterly Conferences, in order that the young people may be in touch with the vital business as well as spiritual interests of the Church.

3. That the Chapters be advised not to draw the age-line too stringently, lest the conservative counsels of the more mature be lost, and the unity of the whole Church—old and young—be sacrificed.

4. That the necessity for the organization of the Junior work be met, and graduation into the Epworth League be everywhere complied with, in order that the new forces of young life be conserved for God and the Church.

We commend the *Epworth Herald* as a spicy, spiritual paper to every pastor and Leaguer.

We would especially recognize the interest the *Western Christian Advocate* has shown in giving prominence and large space to the devotional topics and news of the League, and we suggest that each League Secretary condense upon a postal the most important news item of its Church each week, and send it to the *Advocate*.

W. L. Y. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

J. E. ABRAMS, *President*.

J. S. PUMPHREY,

J. S. WHITNEY,

P. C. CURNICK, D. D.,

F. E. VANCE,

C. H. HAYNES,

J. A. EASTON.

C. F. ENYART,

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THE work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society must ever commend itself to our Church so long as present conditions obtain in the South. The Cincinnati Conference, because of its peculiar relation to this Society, can not escape a deep responsibility in its work

and success. We are therefore glad to note that nearly every charge in the Conference has contributed something this year for the financial support of the Society, and that the total sum raised, \$2,779, is an increase of \$91 over last year's collection. We rejoice in the general success and prosperity of the work; in the fact that 9,213 students availed themselves last year of the privilege afforded by our schools in the South for preparing themselves the better for individual, home, State, and Church life, and for higher and nobler achievements in character; that these nine thousand students contributed \$58,000 for their own support and the privileges afforded them, thus showing their confidence in and appreciation of our institutions, and that our Southern Conferences gave \$14,000 in collections for this work, besides donations for buildings. Christian love for the multitude of poor, among both the colored and white population of the South, and a proper desire for the continued prosperity and stability of the State and Christian institutions of our country, should lead the Church to make the greatest effort to relieve the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society from debt, and to deal generously with it for the deepening and widening of its work so that an intelligent citizenship and spiritual Christianity shall reign throughout the South. To this end we would urge our pastors to place the needs of this Society before our people, and to emphasize the worth of its work. Holding our session within sight of Wilberforce University, which in its inception received the prayers and support of Dr. Asbury Lowrey, and remembering how his great heart of love always went out in sympathy toward that which promised the redeeming of the colored race from ignorance and superstition, it seems proper for us to express our appreciation of his efforts, and our sorrow that he no more on earth can lift up his voice for the further emancipation of this race.

We rejoice in the fact that Dr. R. S. Rust, Honorary Corresponding Secretary of the Society, is still spared of God to cheer and encourage the Church in her efforts for the educating and giving a new hope and aspiration in life to those whose need is great.

C. E. SCHENK, *Secretary.*

D. A. MCCOLM, *President.*

INSURANCE.

THE insurance business of the United States is undergoing a change as to methods. Hitherto it has been found a profitable business to insurance corporations, and a costly protection to insurers. Economy of method is the watchword of prudent men, and its application is being made to the subject of insurance, particularly to property insurance. The Church has had its mind on this subject for many years, and the Methodist Episcopal Church is awakened to interest and action in the subject by the large saving made by other denominations from carrying the insurance upon their own Church properties. The Church of England and the Wesleyans of England have been carrying the insurance on their Church properties for years, with satisfactory results and at a great saving. The German Methodist Episcopal Churches of the United States, with German foresightedness, have been doing the same thing for the last fifteen years, with splendid results. In 1891 the Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church organized a company, and has since been carrying the risks on its church and school property at a great saving and a much smaller outlay of money, as the Mutual Church Insurance Company of Wisconsin does not exact, at the time of taking out a policy, payment of premiums for the whole number of years, but only for one year. Based upon the foundation of such results, the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church made arrangements for the organization of a Church Property Insurance Company, to furnish protection against

lightning, tornadoes, and fire, at cost. The management is placed by the Discipline in the hands of a Board consisting of one member from each General Conference District, and five members at large, to be nominated by the bishops. This Board is now ready for business, and sends notice of the fact to this Conference. It is not necessary for us to explain details, but we call attention to the following claims of this organization:

1. This form of insurance is intended for the benefit of the Church, and may become a branch of our economy worthy to be associated with our Book Concerns.

2. It is absolutely safe; the terms are of easy payment, divided into yearly installments, with a division of profits each year, furnishing insurance at actual cost.

3. Insurance thus furnished will enable Churches to insure that have not been able to raise money to pay a large premium in advance.

It may prove an immense saving to the denomination at large, since examinations of the insurance of our church property, covering forty-one States, and for a long term of years, show that only about ten per cent of the premiums paid to insurance companies have been used in paying our losses. Be it therefore resolved by the Cincinnati Conference—

That, whereas there has been organized and incorporated by authority of the General Conference a National Mutual Church Insurance Company at Chicago, furnishing insurance at cost, we recommend to the trustees of all church, school, and parsonage property within our bounds, needing insurance, to give careful investigation to the conditions and possible advantages of insurance in this company.

Any desired information can be obtained of the company by addressing the National Mutual Church Insurance Company, Book Concern Building, No. 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

D. J. STARR,

A. B. AUSTIN,

S. O. ROYAL,

G. P. AUSTIN,

J. W. MASON,

JOHN PEARSON.

MISSIONS.

YOUR Committee on Missions beg leave to offer the following items for your consideration:

1. We most heartily congratulate the Cincinnati Conference and the entire Church upon the success of the debt-paying campaign now so nearly completed, by which the debt of the Missionary Society, amounting to \$186,000, has been practically wiped out.

2. We place on record our entire confidence in the management of our Missionary Society, and rejoice that the divers liabilities and necessities of the Church have been brought through the recent financial crisis without impairment of financial standing in the money markets of the world.

3. Believing that one of the great and pressing needs of the Church is a wider diffusion of missionary information, we heartily approve the policy recently adopted by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of sending the *Gospel in All Lands* to our pastors free, and *World-wide Missions* to all our people who contribute one dollar or above to the treasury of the Missionary Society (provided that not more than one copy shall go to one family); and further, we commend to our pastors the importance of furnishing their people with a liberal supply of the excellent missionary tracts and maps sent out from the missionary office at about cost.

4. We can not fail to note the providentially enlarged field which has been opened to our Church for missionary endeavor by our recent war with Spain. From ten to twelve millions of benighted people have,

by the arbitrament of battle, been made accessible to the Protestant presentation of the gospel in the Philippines, Cuba, and Porto Rico. The Methodist Episcopal Church *must* send missionaries to these islands at the earliest possible day.

5. To enable our Missionary Society to re-enforce the fields already occupied, but undermanned as they now are because of lack of money with which to send out competent men and women, who are waiting to go and to enter the new fields named, there must be a large increase in the incomes of our missionary treasury. Therefore, to this end, we pledge ourselves to do our best to raise the apportionments made to our respective charges, and to aim to go beyond what is asked rather than to fall below that sum.

6. We have noted the propositions in the May-June number of the *Methodist Review* made by our senior Corresponding Secretary, Dr. A. B. Leonard, for a "new departure" in the administration of our Missionary Society, and we commend the ideas therein set forth to the careful consideration of the Board of Managers and General Missionary Committee.

W. K. BROWN, *Secretary*.

A. B. LEONARD, *Chairman*.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

THE Committee on National Affairs beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We are grateful to Almighty God for the marked prosperity that has attended all industries, educational efforts, and Christian institutions in our beloved land during the past twelve months.

2. Always deploring war, and believing it to be the "court of last resort," yet we rest in the firm conviction that the Spanish-American war was in the interest of peace, and because of it peace will be more universal; and the nations of the world will have a regard for this Christian Republic that would have been otherwise impossible. We recognize with thankfulness the blessings that have come to our own country as a result of the war, among which we mention the wiping out of sectional lines, and the cementing more closely all parts of our vast domain.

3. We recognize the exalted Christian statesmanship manifested in the policy and actions of his excellency, President William McKinley, and thank God that, in the hour of the Nation's need and of the anguished cry of the oppressed, he gave to us the man of his choice.

4. We rejoice that, in the recent international conflict, high moral principles, and not those of selfish aggrandizement, have shaped the policy of our Nation.

5. We enter our most earnest protest against the sale of intoxicating beverages in the regimental and post canteens.

6. While we deprecate, and will in every legitimate way oppose, all efforts to extend our national domain for reasons of mere commercial advantage, we are profoundly convinced that the providence of God calls us, as a Nation, to a high ministry in the service of humanity and Christian civilization. If, in this vocation, we are required to take under our protection distant lands and peoples long oppressed, we must not refuse the service nor betray the trust.

7. We are opposed to the return to the dominion of Spain of any portion of the territory delivered therefrom as a result of the war; and are equally opposed to the transfer to any other Power. We would urge that the policy of our Nation should be determined by the supreme purpose to promote the establishment in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands of local self-government, with full guarantees of civil and religious liberty, complete separation of Church and State, and voluntary

support of religious institutions, reserving only such territorial control as may be necessary to secure the points of vantage for our action in defense, and promotion of the high principles of Christian civilization, of which our Nation is to them a providential representative.

8. Cherishing the most absolute confidence in the fidelity of our people and Government to the principles of our Constitution, which guarantees equal protection under the laws to all forms of religious belief, we view with alarm the apparent tendency to permit representatives of the Roman hierarchy to negotiate with our own Government in the interests of that hierarchy, placing them in apparent antagonism with those of other religious organizations, and demanding for it a representation on important international commissions, which is asked for by no other ecclesiastical body. We believe that no such representation should be asked or conceded; and that the appointment of any individual as a high commissioner of our Government, on the sole ground of his affiliation with a given religious body, would be incompatible with the principles which underlie our institutions.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

L. E. PRENTISS, *Secretary*.

WILLIAM RUNYAN, *Chairman*.

OHIO METHODIST CENTENNIAL.

IN June, at Delaware, the centennial celebration of Ohio Methodism took place. The Committee, representing all the Conferences of Ohio, arranged and carried to successful completion a program whose merits were well recognized, and whose plans were seconded with enthusiasm by the Methodism of the State. The aim of the celebration was threefold: to stimulate the spiritual life of Ohio Methodism, to emphasize the demand and needs of higher Christian education, and to urge our local congregations to the payment of Church debts and to the increase of our great benevolences.

We recommend to all of our ministers the arranging of a local centennial celebration in honor of the blessing of God upon the one hundred years of Ohio Methodism, making some great local or benevolent thought the object of the enthusiasm awakened. We would also call attention to the souvenir volume, which should be in every home throughout Ohio Methodism.

HEBER D. KETCHAM.

PARSONAGES.

HE who is interested in the Great and Chief Shepherd, will necessarily be interested in his undershepherds. Likewise, he who is interested in the undershepherd, will be interested in his family; and being interested in both, he must manifest this interest by endeavoring to provide for them a comfortable, reasonably commodious, and properly-arranged home; one in which the pastor can have the really necessary conveniences, and in which the people may be received, and thus learn something of the pastor in his homelife, which is quite as well as for the pastor to become acquainted with his people in their home life.

When a properly-arranged parsonage has been dedicated and furnished as it should be, with at least the heavier furniture, on each and every charge, that will be a happy time for the Official Boards and the people at large to sing the doxology, using the most lively music to which it is capable of being set, and then will all the congregation of Methodist preachers say, "Amen and Amen."

Then will every pastor feel that he will not only receive an appointment, but that he will also have a comfortable home into which to take

his family, and not have to live in an incommodious, illy-arranged house, and pay an exorbitant rent.

Your Committee is glad to report that year by year the number of parsonages is being increased. May the day soon come when there shall be a comfortable parsonage on every charge! Then will the millennium be nearer than when we first began.

J. D. DARLING, *Secretary*.

D. W. C. WASHBURN,

WALTER S. GRAY, *Chairman*.

W. E. SPURRIER.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we hereby express our delight in the presence and administration of Bishop John H. Vincent, who for the first time has presided over the deliberations of the Cincinnati Conference. He has won our esteem by his frank and sensible advice, by able preaching and practical addresses, and especially do we record our appreciation of his instructive lectures on the Epistles to Timothy.

Resolved, 2. That Xenia (being a Greek name signifying hospitality) has again proven itself a city well-named, by the hearty welcome and royal entertainment its people have afforded the Cincinnati Conference. To the pastor and members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, to the pastors and members of other Churches, we offer our sincere gratitude for the many ways they have ministered to our comfort and happiness.

Resolved, 3. That we express our appreciation of the courtesy of our brother, Captain N. A. Fulton, Superintendent of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, for the entertainment extended to the Conference at the beautiful State institution.

E. H. CHERINGTON, *Secretary*.

J. W. PETERS, *Chairman*.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

"THE Sabbath was made for man;" set apart for rest and worship; a holy day, not a holiday. Given as a holy day, we should "keep it holy." Secularized, it is perverted, desecrated. Secular thought, conversation, reading, and labor should be left for other days; only works of mercy and necessity on this. Observance of the day brings blessing, physical and moral, material and spiritual—blessing to the individual, to the family, to society, and to the State. Perversion brings blight and curse to all. Observance is a universal duty, pre-eminently so for the Church of God. Loyalty to the king in the royal family contributes greatly to the efficiency of the government. Sabbath desecration is making dangerous inroads into the customs of society. The European Sabbath is sought to be established here. Human depravity is ever fertile in finding new ways of desecrating God's holy day. In our Conference Reports we have frequently referred to the evils of the Sunday newspaper and the Sunday railroad train, and we here express the hope that Methodists everywhere, both ministers and members, both by precept and example, will array themselves against these institutions which are doing so much to destroy the Christian Sabbath. We wish, also, in this report to call the attention, especially of our young people, to the evils of Sunday bicycling. In all our cities there are cycle clubs which regularly arrange for "runs" on the Sabbath-day. This, of course, is extremely demoralizing, and we urge and exhort all our Leaguers and all our young people to keep themselves free from this form of Sabbath desecration.

Disregard for the Sabbath brings destruction to all moral and spiritual interests, and, in the end, to all temporal and material things as well. A proper observance of the Christian Sabbath will bring blessings to the individual, to the Church, and to the world at large.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

IN taking account of the State of the Church, your Committee has thought best to confine its attention to those conditions in regard to which practical suggestions may be offered.

The most remarkable event of this century is the migration of people from the country to the city in numbers so vast that, within twenty-five years or less, half the population will be gathered into congested centers. Mr. Horace Benton, in a recent statistical study, has shown that the larger proportion of people who remove to the great cities are so overcome by their new environment, and lost in the mass of humanity, that they lapse in their religious life, and seldom or never enter any of our Churches. This unhappy condition is aggravated for the down-town Churches by the general exodus of well-to-do people from the city to the suburbs—a movement which has already resulted in the extinction of a painfully large number of Churches in districts where they are most needed, and is now threatening the extinction of others. The net result of this urban and suburban movement is an alarming depletion of our membership; and we are quite prepared for the statement that during the last quadrennium the membership of the Church would actually have decreased but for the heavy gain of members in the foreign mission field. Link these acknowledged facts with the additional well-known and lamentable fact of the alienation of the people, and especially of men, from so many of our Churches, and we have a state of the Church demanding our most prayerful consideration.

In the judgment of your Committee, the great need of the Church is not necessarily more money—the time of the poverty of the Church has usually been its golden age: it is not necessarily more converts—the relatively small number of probationers received after six months into full membership indicates a religious life in the Church so feeble that it can not keep alive with any adequate success the babes of the kingdom after they have been born. The supreme need of the Church of God is that which has recently been recognized in a remarkable way by the Wesleyan Methodist Conference of England; namely, a deepening of the spiritual life and development of a more wholesome type of piety in the people already called Christians.

To this end we would recommend the imitation of a plan adopted by the Wesleyan Methodists at the instance of their new President, whereby there may be held in each presiding elder's district early in the year a convention of Christian workers, including the ministers, local preachers and exhorters, class-leaders, stewards and trustees, Sunday-school officers and teachers, and Epworth League workers, the object being a systematic study of God's Word, similar in kind to the expositions of the First Epistle to Timothy by Bishop Vincent, which have been so highly edifying to this Conference, and supplemented by a patient waiting upon God in prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving. Then let these representative members, under the inspiration of God, go down from the convention to their several Churches to inaugurate such a work of grace as will glorify God, and gladden the hearts of his hungering and thirsting people.

As a further means of reaching the people, and especially the men of our parishes, we would respectfully remind our ministers of the necessity of developing within themselves the elements of leadership. We are apt

to content ourselves with being evangelists, pastors, and teachers, without being also apostles and prophets. The true shepherd "goeth before the flock, and leadeth them out." The great sin for which Jesus denounced the so-called religious leaders of his time, was that they belied their name by misleading the people, or else not leading them at all. Hence his compassion upon the people, who were as sheep without shepherds. The Methodist preacher who fulfills his mission is not only an evangelist, but an apostle and prophet in the forefront of every movement in the community that makes for righteousness, peace, and joy. The man of God must lead the people.

Once we are thus become more alive unto God and his work, we shall be better qualified to spiritually discern those modifications of Church polity which are necessary to meet the changing conditions in country, town, and city. Vital godliness will dispose us to end the folly of dividing our forces and dissipating our energies by an unchristian competitive system of Church work. The old connectional spirit of Methodism will be revived and embodied in a system of co-operation among the Churches.

The time is fast ripening for revival. It is evidenced by the extraordinary multiplication of evangelical and philanthropic agencies. Not within a generation has there been such a working of the leaven. The deplorable decrease of the amount of money contributed to the regular benevolences during the last ten years must not be interpreted as a bad sign, and attributed to a decline of the grace of liberality among our people, but rather to a diversion of moneys into new and local benevolent enterprises.

Therefore, your Committee are of the opinion that the proper course for us is not to vainly attempt the discouragement of these new enterprises, but to recognize their claim to our support in their due proportion. The more excellent way is to follow the example of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, by inaugurating a movement throughout our Church, not to raise a fixed sum for the work of God in general, nor for any benevolence in particular, but for a systematic and persistent education of our people in the matter of Christian stewardship and proportionate giving according to the Scriptural plan.

C. W. BARNES,	J. W. MAGRUDER,	A. HAMILTON,
J. G. VAUGHAN,	L. M. DAVIS,	C. W. BRIGGS,
R. S. MCCOLM,	A. MILLER,	E. O. BUXTON.
A. B. LEONARD,		

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

THE growth of the Sunday-school has been most remarkable. From a small beginning like that of the mustard-seed it has become a great tree, so that the children of all nations are now seeking shelter under its goodly branches. We now have 31,228 schools, 349,085 officers and teachers, and 2,644,215 scholars. In these 31,228 Sabbath-schools there has been reported for the year 1897 127,286 conversions. This shows us that God's smile has been upon our schools, and his blessing has crowned with success the faithful efforts of our devoted teachers, and answered their many earnest prayers.

This large number of conversions during last year should stimulate us to put forth greater zeal for a larger number this year. To this end we ask our pastors and superintendents to take greater pains in selecting pious teachers, whose greatest concern is the salvation of the scholars. We suggest, wherever it can be done, the formation of normal classes in our Sunday-schools, for the training of competent teachers. We insist that our pastors see that our Methodist literature be used in all our schools; for we are convinced that our Book Concern can furnish us

better lesson helps, periodicals, and library-books than can be obtained anywhere else. Parents should co-operate with the teachers in urging their children to study the lesson during the week, and then use the open Bible in the recitation, instead of lesson helps.

The Home Department embraces those who are interested in the study of the lessons, and can not attend the school, but are willing to give one hour each week to the study of the lesson at home.

Already 77,166 are now enrolled in the Home Department.

The fact that the Sunday-school Union has helped during the past year 3,600 poor, struggling schools of our Church, should stimulate us to increase our offerings for the coming year. We exceedingly regret that thirty-seven of our charges last year report no collection for this Society.

J. H. LEASE, *Secretary*.

FRANK LEEVER, *President*.

TEMPERANCE.

WITH deep humiliation and sorrow we are compelled to confess that, in the face of all our prayers and resolutions, that deepest dishonor of our Nation and greatest destroyer of our kind—the American saloon—continues to stand as the menace to our civil and religious liberties.

We have lately seen that our people can be aroused to a sense of danger, and are capable of feelings of pity for the oppressed. But a tyrant more pitiless than Spain marches, with but slight challenge, through the length and breadth of our fair land, places his emissaries, under the protection of legal forms, in almost every neighborhood; swallows up the treasures of the Nation, both of men and money, with a greater rapidity than even war with all its ravages, and with a persistency that knows no abatement; and yet, with a complacency most astounding, we look upon the work of this "butcher"—Weyler ten thousand times multiplied—utter a feeble remonstrance when some new magazine of horror is exploded, and some social "Maine," with all its costly armament of life and hope and opportunity, goes to the bottom; and then fold our hands in continued helplessness.

We see prosperous homes invaded, fruitful fields made desolate, a vast multitude of "reconcentrados" not only made shelterless, to suffer and die, but actually placed under the guns of forts, both open and masked, to be shamelessly slaughtered for the pleasure and profit of this bloodthirsty tyrant.

Why this alarm over the lesser peril, this commendably strong determination to avenge two hundred and sixty-six human lives, treacherously destroyed, this pity for oppressed Cubans, and yet no special, widespread alarm when the life of the Republic totters in the balance, the value of our material possessions is visibly and largely decreased, our own fathers and brothers, our own mothers and sisters, are the victims of the atrocity? Simply we think because one is new and the other old; one exhibits its true character, the other professes to be charitable and generous; stirs up the dust of deception about itself, and claims to be both kind and patriotic, while it fastens its fetters more firmly upon body, mind, soul, and estate.

As ministers of the gospel, we are in danger of falling under the influence of a too placid public sentiment, and becoming silent upon this great subject, when, if we would escape the condemnation of our brother's blood, we should "cry aloud and spare not."

In view of all this, we propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we utter our emphatic protest to the army "canteen," by which our boys in the camps are liable to become familiar with the use of alcoholic beverages, have their pure blood poisoned, and their morals contaminated. and be prepared, upon their return, to become

patrons of the saloon; and we call upon President McKinley and other officials of the Government to use their utmost endeavor to speedily remove this reproach from our beloved land.

2. That while we heartily approve all movements, both local and general, that have for their object the loosening of the tyrant's grasp, and the rescue of any individual or community from his dominion and power, we still hold, with our General Conference, that "Voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants is the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic drinks is the duty of civil government."

3. That while we cheerfully co-operate with all other organizations, social, moral, and political, in their efforts to lessen the evils resulting from this traffic, we especially commend to all our Churches the excellent and inexpensive methods suggested by our last General Conference.

In the furtherance of this plan, we recommend:

(1) That a permanent committee of five be appointed by the Conference, auxiliary to the Permanent Committee of the General Conference.

(2) That the features of district organization be made a part of our working plan.

(3) That our Quarterly Conference Temperance Committees be aroused from their present state of indifference, to take their places in the line of aggressive work; organizing the membership of their several Churches, seeing that Sunday-schools are organized as temperance societies, holding frequent meetings for agitation and instruction, and especially that they arrange for the suitable observance of Temperance Sunday.

We believe, with the faithful use of these instrumentalities, and a proper dependence upon the God of battles, who will care for and lead his own, that we shall have little occasion to look over the wall for efficient means by which to awaken public sentiment upon this vital subject, and to put meaning into the words, "The Saloon Must Go!"

R. E. SMITH, *Secretary.*

EDWARD McHUGH,

R. K. DEEM,

J. W. BASHFORD,

G. B. SHANOR,

ALBERT C. TURRELL, *President.*

C. L. CONGER,

W. A. ROBINSON,

J. STEVENSON.

TRACTS.

It is well that the Conference be occasionally reminded of the excellent work which the Tract Society of our Church is doing. This Society commands a vast assortment of tract literature, which is at the service of our pastors. Its Tract Catalogue is sent free to any address. Any charge, through its pastor, is at liberty to send for tracts to the amount of one-half of its last collection; special grants are also made whenever circumstances require.

We need not undertake to convince any Christian worker that the tract may be made an agent of great effectiveness in the service of the Master.

The Tract Society gives to the cause of missions six thousand dollars or seven thousand dollars a year, one-third of its collections. In view of the great possibilities of usefulness bound up in this Society, the Committee would urge that the Conference arrange to meet its apportionment, \$1,100, for the ensuing year, an amount three times that which has been paid in during the past year.

C. L. MYERS, *Secretary.*

V. Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

FRANK G. MITCHELL, <i>Chairman.</i>	G. W. DUBOIS.	W. H. WEHRLY.
CHARLES L. CONGER, <i>Registrar.</i>	J. A. STORY.	H. D. KETCHAM.
W. A. ROBINSON.	E. O. BUXTON.	C. W. BARNES.
J. W. MAGRUDER.	J. P. PORTER.	J. A. WHITE.
	J. E. ABRAMS.	A. C. TURRELL.
	U. G. HUMPHREY.	A. B. AUSTIN.

b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND SUBJECTS.

N. B.—The figures appended to each study indicate the number of minutes allotted to the examination.

Section 1. U. G. HUMPHREY.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher*, 60; Leading Facts of American History, *Montgomery*, 60; Introduction to the Gospel Records, *Nast*, 45.

Section 2. H. D. KETCHAM.—Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, *Harman*, 90; Smaller Scripture History, *Smith*, 45; Theological Compend, *Binney*, 45.

Section 3. W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley*, 90; Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill*, 60; Christian Baptism, *Merrill*, 60.

Section 4. E. O. BUXTON.—Exegetical Studies in the Gospels, *Horswell*, 60; Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren*, 60; Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren*, 60; Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, *Walker*, 60.

Section 5. C. W. BARNES.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry*, 90; Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley*, 45; Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.

Section 6. C. L. CONGER.—History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*, 60; Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*, 45.

Section 7. J. A. STORY.—Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology, *Crooks and Hurst*, 90; Principles of Rhetoric, *Hill*, 60.

Section 8. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1896, 60; Digest of Methodist Law, *Merrill*, 60.

Section 9. J. A. WHITE.—Elementary English Branches; Life of John Wesley, *Telford*, 60; Systematic Theology, *Raymond*, 60.

Section 10. A. C. TURRELL.—Rudimentary Psychology, *Steele*; Elements of Psychology, *Hill*, 60; Larger Catechism, *Nast*, 45; Sermons of Candidates for Admission; Books to be read by Local Preachers.

Section 11. J. W. MAGRUDER.—The Supernatural Book, *Foster*, 90; Outlines of Bible History, *Hurst*, 45; Essays of Candidates for Admission; Books to be read.

Section 12. J. E. ABRAMS.—Manual of Christian Evidences, *Row*, 60; Sermons and Essays Class of First Year; Books to be read.

Section 13. J. P. PORTER.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons*, 60; Sermons and Essays Class of Second Year; Books to be read.

Section 14. G. W. DUBOIS.—English and American Literature, *Wheeler*, 90; Sermons and Essays, Class of Third Year; Books to be read.

Section 15. W. A. ROBINSON.—Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching, *Buckley*, 60; Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, *Broadus*, 60; Sermons and Essays Class of Fourth Year; Books to be read.

Section 16. A. B. AUSTIN.—Analogy of Natural and Revealed Religion, *Butler*, 90; History of American Methodism, *Stevens*, 60; The Atonement in Christ, *Miley*, 60; The Sacraments, *Watson*, 45.

EXAMINATIONS.

EXAMINATIONS will be held in Book Concern Hall, Cincinnati; Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Dayton; Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenfield; and High Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Springfield,—at 10 A. M., December 8, 1898, and at 9 A. M., June 29, 1899; and in Methodist Episcopal Church, seat of Conference, at 9 A. M. the day before the Conference session of 1899.

Examinations in November will be in:

FIRST YEAR.—Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley*; Principles of Rhetoric, *Hill*; Exegetical Studies in the Gospels, *Horswell*.

SECOND YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in the Pauline Epistles, *Horswell*; Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1896; Outlines of Universal History: Modern, *Fisher*.

THIRD YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren*; Written Sermon; History of the Christian Church, Vol. I, *Hurst*.

FOURTH YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren*; Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, *Broadus*; History of the Christian Church, Vol. II, *Hurst*.

EXAMINATIONS IN JUNE.—Remaining Studies of Four Years' Course.

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared for each regular examination, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.

11. The examiner shall retain all papers of undergraduates until the student has completed the course.

d. CLASSES.

- FOURTH YEAR, 1899.—Homer D. Curless, . . . Member, Deacon.
 Edward L. Hollingsworth, Member, Deacon.
 William D. English, . . . Member, Deacon.
 Charles L. Chapman, . . . Member, Deacon.
 Earl M. Ellsworth, . . . Member, Deacon.
 James A. Jenkinson, . . . Member, Deacon.
 Clifford L. Myers, . . . Member, Deacon.
 Charles C. Peale, . . . Member, Deacon.
 John L. Duckwall, . . . Probationer, Deacon.
 Stephen B. Timmons, . . . Member, Elder.
 Oliver P. Hoffman, . . . Probationer, Deacon.
- THIRD YEAR, 1900.—Harley E. Armacost, . . . Member, Local Deacon.
 James A. Geissinger, . . . Member, Local Deacon.
 Warren J. Dunham, . . . Probationer, Local Deac'n
 Archie W. Hook, . . . Member, Local Elder.
 Lewis E. Linzell, . . . Member, Local Deacon.
 William L. Spence, . . . Probationer, not ordained.
- SECOND YEAR, 1901.—Howard L. Torbet, . . . Probationer, not ordained.
 Henry C. Hutchinson, . . . Probationer, Deacon.
 Samuel A. Stephan, . . . Probationer, not ordained.
- FIRST YEAR, 1902.—Sheridan W. Bell, . . . Probationer, Local Deac'n
 Lewis A. Washburn, . . . Probationer, not ordained.

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Miscellany.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

To the Cincinnati Annual Conference:

I HEREWITH submit my report as Conference Treasurer for the American University:

Received from

W. L. Y. Davis,	\$8 00
D. S. Ewry,	3 00
P. C. Curnick,	15 00

Total,	\$26 00
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FRANK G. MITCHELL,
Conference Treasurer for American University.

DARLINGTON BEQUESTS.

THE Committee on Bequests Given to Societies by Brother N. W. Darlington report as follows:

"Resolved, That J. P. Porter be appointed a Committee to correspond with the beneficiaries of Brother Darlington's charitable contributions, and secure the most favorable adjustment possible for the benefit of his family.

A. D. MADDOX, *Chairman.*

J. P. PORTER, *Secretary.*

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

TO THE BISHOP AND MEMBERS OF THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE:

Dear Brethren,—Your Committee appointed to examine as to the relation which the Trustees sustain to the Conference, beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

This query formed part of a question asked in 1889, and answered at the session of this Conference in 1890. We present again the report then given, with a recommendation. The Board originated by action of the Conference of 1863. The Articles of Incorporation are on record in Greene County, Ohio, Volume I, pages 65 and 66, of Record of Religious Societies. These were made in accordance with the statutes of the State at that time in force, as found in Derby's Edition of Swan's Revised Statutes of Ohio, pages 222, 228, 229, in force in 1863-64.

There is no constitution or by-laws beyond the Articles of Incorporation. The Conference of 1863 appointed seven Trustees, who met in

Dayton, Ohio, February 25, 1864, and there resolved that the corporate name should be, "Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church." The following is a copy of the Greene County record, already referred to:

"INCORPORATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

"LOCKLAND, OHIO, December 9, 1863.

"At the session of the Cincinnati Annual Conference, held in Xenia, Ohio, during September, 1863, on the 8th day of that month, Brother Herr presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"*Resolved*, 1. That in order to secure legacies made to the Church by its deceased members for benevolent purposes, this Conference elect a Board of Trustees of seven persons, to be invested with corporate powers to receive and hold in trust all moneys and property which may come into their hands in the manner and for the purposes above designated.

"*Resolved*, 2. That said Trustees proceed without delay to secure appropriate corporate powers according to the provisions of the statutes of the State of Ohio. M. Marlay, W. Herr, William Simmons, William Nast, D. Warnock, D. Reed, and W. G. W. Lewis were appointed said Board of Trustees.

"I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the Journal of the Twelfth Session of the Cincinnati Annual Conference.

"W. H. SUTHERLAND, *Secretary*."

DAYTON, February 25, 1864.

According to appointment, the Trustees of the Cincinnati Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, met in Wesley Chapel, in this city, at ten A. M. The following members of the Board were present: M. Marlay, W. Herr, W. Simmons, W. G. W. Lewis, D. Reed, and D. Warnock; absent, William Nast. M. Marlay was elected Chairman, and W. Herr Secretary. The Trustees organized themselves into a corporate body, according to the statute of the State of Ohio, to be known and recognized in law by the name of Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for Benevolent Purposes. The Rev. W. G. W. Lewis was duly elected Treasurer, and W. Herr Secretary, of the Board.

Received for record, March 2, 1864. Recorded same day.

T. C. WRIGHT, *Recorder*.

It will be noticed that, according to this action, the Board of Trustees "incorporated themselves," and not the Cincinnati Conference; that there is nowhere any recognition of responsibility to report to the Conference; that it is a close corporation, and seems only by courtesy to refer its election of Trustees to the Conference for its approval; and, as a matter of fact, in the twenty-six years of its existence it has not half that many times asked the Conference to sanction its elections, nor has it made to the Conference any reports of its proceedings. It is true the excellent men who have in those years acted as Trustees have been true to every interest of our Church; but it is well worth considering whether this Conference should not be so incorporated that it would elect its own Trustees, and have them directly responsible to it. A general law was recently passed in this State, at the instance of the Central Ohio Conference, that gives important provisions for this kind of incorporation.

Your present Committee suggest that the present Board of Trustees

be a Committee from this Conference to incorporate the Cincinnati Annual Conference under existing laws; and that the scope and powers be extended and enlarged to meet existing demands.

SYLVESTER WEEKS,
JOHN PEARSON,
H. C. WEAKLEY,

Xenia, Ohio, September 5, 1898.

Committee.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES

Of the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference.

Funds invested and loaned:	
Little Miami Railroad bond.....	\$1,500 00
Loan and Building Association, West Carrollton.....	950 00
Interest-bearing notes.....	4,100 00
Lot in Madisonville (unproductive).....	70 00
In bank.....	150 00
Total	\$6,770 00

Receipts for the year:	
Interest on Little Miami Railroad bond.....	\$120 00
Building and Loan Association.....	70 77
Interest on notes, less interest loaned Mrs. L.,.....	189 00
Total	\$379 77

Paid out during year:	
Taxes on lot in Madisonville.....	\$2 56
Recording mortgage.....	1 25
Traveling expenses, stationery, and postage.....	4 27
	8 08

Paid Board of Conference Stewards..... \$371 69
Respectfully, J. T. BAIL, *Treasurer.*

Attest:

T. D. MOORE, *President,*
W. J. DUNHAM, *Secretary,*
Auditing Committee.

The following is the Board as now constituted: President, H. C. Weakley; Vice-President, A. N. Spahr; Secretary, J. P. Porter; Treasurer, J. T. Bail; J. W. Mason, J. F. Loyd, Sylvester Weeks.

J. P. PORTER, *Secretary.* H. C. WEAKLEY, *President.*
Xenia, Ohio, September 1, 1898.

BOARD OF CONTROL OF DEACONESS WORK.

For the ninth time we bring to your notice the work of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association. In doing this we are but asking you to consider that in which we all have a very direct and personal interest. By its constant, quiet, and beautiful ministries in our churches and homes, and by its unselfish alleviation of the sufferings of the afflicted poor, the cause we present makes its own appeal in a way that no other can.

We know of no more perfect exemplification of the Spirit of our Lord than this Home affords, with its band of devoted women freely giving their lives to the highest temporal and spiritual interests of humanity. Certainly there is no cause that can claim a larger place in the sympathies of the Church than this.

We ask you, then, to consider carefully the increasing importance and needs of this, the most recent agency for the extension of the kingdom of Christ.

It is a cause for thanksgiving that, through the liberality of Mr. James N. Gamble, we have such a commodious and completely-furnished building as that on Wesley Avenue, occupied for the first time this year. Its equal as a Deaconess Home it would be difficult to find. Taken in connection with Christ's Hospital, our Conference may congratulate itself on possessing the most complete plant of this kind to be found in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The work is growing in many directions, and new possibilities are constantly coming into view. So heavy, indeed, is the hospital work, that it has been with the most extreme difficulty we could give our deaconesses in training the instruction promised. The demand has been imperative for the services of the nurses, although there is a greater number in the Home than ever before, not less than sixty being actively engaged in the various forms of service for which they are fitted. The deaconesses cheerfully go into these various and difficult fields. Many of our pastors have had the benefit of their most effective aid in times of religious awakening, and many have been the homes into which they have come as very angels of mercy to nurse back into life and health our sick.

With the large development of the work, it can not but be a matter of regret that the contribution of the Churches has not kept pace with the greater needs inevitably resulting from this enlargement. During the year the Home received four thousand two hundred and eighty dollars (\$4,280), from seventy out of our one hundred and sixty-two charges. The work as it now is would justify an increase of seventy-five or eighty per cent of this amount, while, as a matter of fact, the report of the Corresponding Secretary shows that there has been an actual falling off in the gifts of the Church in meeting these largely-increased necessities that confront our deaconess workers. Unless there shall be more liberality in giving, it is easy to see that this foreshadows the most serious crippling of the work now being done.

The total receipts during the year have been:

Cash	\$22,777 01
Value of supplies donated.....	4,934 05
Value of ten city lots.....	800 00
Total	\$28,511 06

The current expenses have been as follows:

Cash expended.....	\$20,749 21
Cash value of donated supplies consumed.....	4,934 05
Allowances due deaconesses.....	242 50
Total	\$25,925 76

With less than one-half of our charges contributing, we can not feel that we are recognizing, as we should, the debt we owe the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association. Pre-eminently it is our Home and Hospital. It is within our bounds. Its doors are open to receive us if the need should arise, and to give us the benefit of the highest possible medical skill, which, but for its ministrations, would be far

beyond the means of most of us in the ministry. Hardly a month has passed in its nine years' history that some preacher or some member of his family has not been treated in Christ's Hospital.

Looking at the work being done from the lowest possible point of view to be taken, the money value of these deaconesses, which is freely given to the Church, would be represented by a sum of not less than \$30,000 per annum. While the managers do not emphasize or even mention this, it is a consideration that yet has a place when it comes to a recognition of the claim this Home justly possesses on the sympathy and help of the Church. But infinitely higher than this no one can ever put into dollars and cents the value of the good being done in the healing of the sick, and in the spiritual ministries of these rare Christian women.

It may not be out of place to call attention to a resolution very recently offered by the joint meeting of the various Conference Boards of Control of the deaconess work and the Board of Trustees of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association. The resolution reads as follows:

"In view of the fact that we have a hospital as well equipped as any in the West, and a corps of nurses not only trained, but also consecrated to their work; and believing, on account of these considerations, that we can do better work than any other hospital; and believing, further, that it is the duty of every one to bring these splendid opportunities before those who are suffering, and make it possible that this increasing work shall go on; therefore,

"Resolved, That we request the Corresponding Secretary to write a letter to every pastor in the Conference, setting forth these facts plainly and fully, and get a pledge, if possible, that Hospital Sunday shall be observed, and that the name of some one be sent who may be relied upon to assist in this."

We very heartily indorse this resolution, and urge that, when the letter is received, it be not carelessly thrown aside, but be given the earnest consideration that the importance of the cause deserves.

The names and work of the licensed deaconesses in the Home are as follows:

Miss Hannah M. Pierce.....	Superintendent.
Miss Olive Weaver.....	Nurse.
Miss Minnie Tischendorf.....	Nurse.
Miss Elizabeth Borcharding.....	Nurse.
Miss Ellen Slear.....	Nurse.
Miss Alice Blazer.....	Nurse.
Miss Caroline Dau.....	Nurse.
Miss Emma Ahring.....	Nurse.
Miss Clara Miller.....	Nurse.
Miss Clara Solomon.....	Nurse.
Miss Elma Stone.....	Nurse.
Miss Lucy Spence.....	Nurse.
Miss Sarah Ireland.....	Missionary.
Miss Sarah Doeblcr.....	Missionary.
Miss Carra Close.....	Missionary.
Miss Emma Huston.....	Missionary.
Miss Celia House.....	Missionary.
Mrs. Annie Sandidge.....	Missionary.
Miss Harriet Grimes.....	Missionary.
Miss Martha Nicolaison.....	Missionary.
Miss Lottie Sinnett.....	Kindergartner.
Mrs. Sarah Martin.....	Pharmacist.

We recommend the renewal of the license of Miss Ida M. Pennell, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Christie Charge.

We appreciate the beautiful spirit and earnest, effective work of Miss Hannah M. Pierce, who continues superintendent of Christ's Hospital.

The Association is fortunate in having secured the services of Mrs. Kate Rawls Haynes, who will begin her duties this fall as superintendent of the Home.

We recognize the high character of the work done by Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., and cordially approve the recommendation of the Association for his reappointment as Corresponding Secretary for the ensuing year.

We recommend, as heretofore, the observance of the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving as "Hospital Sunday," in the taking of a collection for the Home and Hospital.

We heartily approve of the movement of the Association to found a Home at Yellow Springs for the aged and infirm, as in accordance with the entire aim and spirit of the deaconess work.

M. M. KUGLER, *Secretary*.

J. W. MASON, *President*.

THE JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

Report of the Trustees to the Cincinnati Conference, August 31, 1898.

Funds invested by the Trustees.....\$7,750 00

Resources:

Sept. 1, 1897—Cash on hand for general distribution	\$40 34	
Cash due Cincinnati Ladies' Home Mission.....	701 61	
	<hr/>	\$741 95
Cash receipts from interest on bonds and notes from January to October, 1897.....	295 13	
	<hr/>	1,037 08

Disbursements:

Oct. 6, 1897.—Ohio Wesleyan University, per voucher on file.....	\$50 91	
Illinois Wesleyan University, per voucher on file.....	50 91	
Cincinnati Conference Claimants.....	101 82	
May 31, 1898—Trustee expense, as per voucher on file.	11 25	
	<hr/>	214 90

Balance:

Aug. 31, 1898—Cash on hand for general distribution	\$18 75	
Cash due Cincinnati Ladies' Home Mission	803 43	
	<hr/>	\$822 18

The amount due the Cincinnati Ladies' Home Mission is held by the Trustees, awaiting the election by that Society of the proper officer to receive it. This action is in harmony with the advice of the Cincinnati Conference. We were recently assured that such election would be held, and the difficulty removed.

Respectfully,

THOMAS H. PEARNE,
JOHN PEARSON,
J. R. CLARK,

Trustees of the John Mears Bequest.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MEARS BEQUEST.

THE special Committee on the Mears Bequest recommends that the managers of the Ladies Home Missionary Society of Cincinnati be called together by their Secretary, Mrs. James Dale, and that they complete their organization by the election of a full Board of officers, and give direction to their Executive Committee concerning the collection and the disbursement of money due the Society from the trustees of the Mears Bequest. We are convinced that when this is done the money will immediately become available.

G. W. DUBOIS, *Secretary.*

WM. RUNYAN, *Chairman.*

FRANK G. MITCHELL,

J. T. BAIL.

M. E. KETCHAM,

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

OFFICERS.

President.....R. S. RUST.

Vice-President.....J. T. BAIL.

Secretary.....H. C. WEAKLEY.

Treasurer.....THOMAS COLLETT.

Managers—William Runyan, J. G. Black, J. W. Mason, J. P. Porter, J. S. Whitney, D. L. Aultman, E. Burdsall, R. E. Smith, R. K. Deem.

The Society has a working capital of \$23,000, with \$28,000 or more due from the estate of the late Rev. James F. and Mrs. E. Chalfant, which will likely be available in November of 1898. The total income is used for the aid of beneficiary members of the Society, thirty-three of whom were helped during the last Conference year. Any member of the Conference who pays one dollar annually becomes a beneficiary member. Twenty-five dollars paid at one time makes the donor a life beneficiary member. Those who, in the past, have paid ten dollars at one time, are also life beneficiary members, under a recent interpretation of the Constitution. All such should apply for a certificate as a life beneficiary membership at once. We have now a larger membership than for many years. Fifty new members were secured during the last session of the Conference. Those who are not life members, and neglected to pay their annual dues, should promptly forward the same to the undersigned; otherwise they cease to be beneficiary members. All officers serve without compensation, and give careful attention to the affairs of the Society. The Society, at its annual session held at Xenia, Ohio, during the last session of the Conference, requested Bishop Vincent to appoint Rev. Thomas Collett Financial Secretary. A copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the Society will be sent on request for same.

The accounts of Treasurer T. Collett were audited by J. W. Mason and J. T. Bail, who certify that, having carefully examined the notes and mortgages of the Society in the possession of the Treasurer, as well as the accounts and his annual report, that they find the same in due form, correct, and properly kept.

H. C. WEAKLEY, *Secretary.*

LETTER TO W. I. FEE.

XENIA, OHIO, September 5, 1898.

REV. WILLIAM I. FEE:

Dear Brother,—We have greatly regretted not being permitted to see your familiar form and face at the seat of our Annual Conference.

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That regret was greatly increased when we learned that your absence was caused by your illness. Upon learning the facts, the Conference immediately took action, appointing the undersigned a Committee to write you a letter, expressing the sympathy of the members of the Conference in your behalf.

We are thankful that the Great Head of the Church has so long spared you to the work of an itinerant minister, and so abundantly blessed your labors. We have read with pleasure and profit your autobiography, giving to us in permanent form the account of the gracious revivals which have so characterized your ministry, and which has increased our desire to achieve similar results.

We rejoice with you that in the evening of life you are permitted to look back through such a succession of victories gained for our blessed Master and beloved Church.

We congratulate you upon having gained the love of all your brethren of the Conference, and of many thousands who have enjoyed your ministry, and of other thousands who have been converted through your instrumentality.

We deeply sympathize with you in your illness and in the increasing infirmities of age. We do not forget to pray that the God of all comfort may keep you in perfect peace, and, if consistent with his will; that he may restore your health and spare you to win more souls for him, and that whenever your work is done you may have an abundant entrance into his everlasting kingdom.

May the grace you so well recommended to others be your solace now!

In behalf of the Cincinnati Annual Conference, and with sympathy and love, we are,

Yours fraternally,

WM. RUNYAN,
R. K. DEEM.

LETTER TO HOWARD HENDERSON.

XENIA, OHIO, September 1, 1898.

REV. HOWARD HENDERSON, D. D., LL. D., Delhi, Ohio:

Our Very Dear Brother,—The Cincinnati Conference, in Conference assembled, appointed us a Committee to convey to you by letter the Christian greetings of your brethren, assuring you of our cordial sympathy and continued prayers on your behalf. The reading of the Presiding Elder's Report was interrupted by hearty applause at the mention of your name, and universal regret is felt that you are unable to be with us. We have noted with intense interest and fraternal approbation your work in the army, and feel just pride in our representative among the regimental chaplains. No other man of our number could have brought to the position such a combination of qualifications, nor could another hope to enjoy equally with you the confidence of the soldiers' friends at home, and the respect of the men in the service. We pray fervently for your early and complete restoration to health and vigor, and trust that during your furlough, and ever hereafter, the infinite comfort of the Holy Spirit may be with you.

"Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord," be yours now and henceforth. Very sincerely yours,

FRANK G. MITCHELL,
SYLVESTER WEEKS,
GERVAISE ROUGHTON.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky.,	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . . Richard Whatcoat, . .	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O.,	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky.,	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

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1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1, .	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O.,	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O.,	{ Enoch George, . . W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . . J. Soule,	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O.,	Enoch George, . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. Hedding,	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O.,	Enoch George, . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . . W. McKendree, . .	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O.,	J. Soule,	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O.,	E. Hedding,	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	J. Emory,	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O.,	{ O. J. Andrew, . . J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O.,	B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O.,	{ E. Hedding, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O.,	{ B. Waugh, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1845.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O.,	L. L. Hamline,	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2, .	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1, .	Columbus, O.,	E. S. Jones,	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O.,	L. L. Hamline,	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	{ B. Waugh, L. L. Hamline,	J. M. Trimble.
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	{ E. S. Jones, T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.

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YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1852.	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853.	September 28,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854.	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855.	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856.	October 1, . .	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857.	September 9,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858.	September 8,	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859.	September 7,	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860.	September 5,	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861.	September 4,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862.	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863.	September 2,	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864.	September 8,	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865.	August 30, . .	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866.	August 29, . .	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867.	August 28, . .	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868.	August 26, . .	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869.	August 25, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870.	August 24, . .	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871.	August 30, . .	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872.	August 28, . .	Faton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873.	August 27, . .	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874.	August 26, . .	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875.	September 1,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	W. H. Sutherland.
1876.	August 30, . .	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877.	September 5,	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878.	September 4,	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	David Judson Starr.
1879.	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	David Judson Starr.
1880.	September 1,	Middletown, O.,	Jesse T. Peck,	David Judson Starr.
1881.	September 7,	Springfield, O.,	Isaac W. Wiley,	David Judson Starr.
1882.	September 6,	Dayton, O.,	T. Bowman,	David Judson Starr.
1883.	September 5,	Hamilton, O.,	R. S. Foster,	David Judson Starr.
1884.	September 3,	Hillsboro, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885.	September 3,	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.,	W. L. Harris,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886.	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	J. M. Walden,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887.	August 31, . .	Mechanicsburg, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1888.	September 5,	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889.	September 4,	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890.	August 27, . .	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891.	September 2,	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892.	August 31, . .	Middletown, O.,	W. X. Ninde,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893.	August 30, . .	Troy, O.,	J. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.
1894.	September 5,	Wilmington, O.,	D. A. Goodsell,	Stanley O. Royal.
1895.	August 28, . .	Hamilton, O.,	C. D. Foss,	Stanley O. Royal.
1896.	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1897.	September 1,	Springfield, O.,	W. F. Mallalieu,	Stanley O. Royal.
1898.	August 31,	Xenia, O.,	John H. Vincent,	Stanley O. Royal.

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In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. XX, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Conse- crated Bishop.	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
Thomas Coke.....	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury.....	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat.....	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree.....	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George.....	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1838.
Robert R. Roberts.....	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule.....	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding.....	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng.	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew.....	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory.....	April 11, 1789	Phila.....	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh.....	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris.....	April 28, 1794	Ohio.....	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline.....	May 10, 1797	Ohio.....	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65.
Edmund Storer James.....	April 27, 1807	Phila.....	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott.....	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.....	1825	1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson.....	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg.	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker.....	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames.....	May 20, 1806	Illinois.....	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns.....	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia.....	1848	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark.....	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.....	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson.....	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.....	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie.....	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia.....	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris.....	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan.....	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.....	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven.....	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck.....	April 4, 1811	Oneida.....	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven.....	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.....	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.

*Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,	Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky, . . .	...	...
William Young,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32	32
Walter Griffith,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O., . . .	40	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	30	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36	36
Nathan Walker,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30	30
John Walker,	April 5, 1849,	52	52
John Sale,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58	58
Michael Ellis,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O., . .	72	72
John Ulin,	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41	41
James F. Callaghan,	Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O., . .	...	...
Thomas F. Sargent,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O., .	57	57
William Page,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62	62
Philip Gatch,	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio,	83	83
Russel Bigelow,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O., . .	43	43
William Phillips,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O., . .	39	39
Erastus Felton,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39	39
John A. Waterman,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O., . . .	47	47
James W. Finley,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky, . . .	38	38
William D. Barrett,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42	42
Dudley Woodbridge,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O., . .	25	25
Frederick B. Butler,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36	36
Moses Crume,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O., . . .	73	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O., . .	20	20

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Charles R. Baldwin, . . .	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island, . .	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley, . . .	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie, . .	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania, .	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey, . . .	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W. Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones, . .	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania, . .	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O., .	60
Henry S. Farnandis, . .	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O., .	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey, . . .	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky, . . .	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O., . . .	53
William R. Anderson, . .	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O., . .	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper, . . .	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O., . .	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O., .	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O., .	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow, . .	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania, .	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland, . . .	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania, . .	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt, . .	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O., .	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington, . .	March 13, 1814, England, . . .	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner, . . .	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O., .	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O., . . .	33
Ebenezer B. Chase, . . .	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson, . . .	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith, . . .	1816	July 16, 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley, . . .	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker, . . .	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	.....	1864	63
B. Browmiller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West,	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett, . . .	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb, . . .	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott, . . .	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch, . . .	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer, . . .	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman, . . .	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain, . . .	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland, . . .	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davison, . . .	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger, . . .	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble,	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	Johu Shiinn,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner, . . .	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh, . . .	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell,	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher,	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris,	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

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James Armstrong,	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	Wm. Young, . . .	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55
W. Simmons, . .	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	J. S. Peregrine, .	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37
N. C. Parrish, . .	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	S. F. Conrey, . . .	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51
W. Routledge, . .	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32	M. P. Gaddis, . .	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50
M. G. Purkiser, .	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40	Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51
E. House, . . .	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10	Allen W. Tibbits,	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43
J. C. Bontecou, .	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35
N. Callender, . .	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	Ephraim M. Cole,	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39
P. A. Ogden, . . .	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	William Mahon, .	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21
Samuel Brown, .	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35	Jer'h H. Bayliss, .	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30
T. A. G. Phillips,	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	Geo. H. Kennedy,	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36
Wm. H. Lawder, .	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44	Sam'l A. Brewster,	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
Wm. I. Ellsworth,	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	Thomas Lee, . . .	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
Elijah H. Field, .	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	J. W. Keely, . . .	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
Alex. Meharry, .	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	J. F. Conrey, . . .	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
Jos. A. Reeder, . .	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	L. F. Van Cleve, .	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
John C. Deem, . .	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	G. W. Kelley, . .	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
J. McD. Mathews,	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48	W. E. Hines, . . .	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
John F. Wright, .	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64	W. N. Williams, .	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
Wm. H. Miesse, .	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	J. P. Bishop, . . .	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
John Barton, . .	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	A. U. Beall, . . .	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
Herman Lüders, .	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	D. H. Sargent, . .	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
David Warnock, .	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	T. S. Cowden, . .	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
James Kendall, .	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31	Henry Stokes, . .	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
George C. Cruin, .	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51	Benj. Glascock, .	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
John W. Weakley,	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45	W. B. Jackson, . .	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
Charles Kalbfus, .	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56	W. R. Webster, . .	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
Jas. F. McClelland,	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	19	19	I. C. Page,	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
Willis M. Boyer, .	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11	Jas. Murray, . . .	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27	Mighill Dustin, . .	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
David Kemper, . .	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47	Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
Charles Ferguson,	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39	W. L. Hypes, . . .	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
Milton G. Baker,	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41	E. C. Smith, . . .	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
James F. Chalfaut,	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41	Henry Miller, . .	1870	Oct. 25, 1896	50	26
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33	W. J. Quarry, . .	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
Andrew Murphy, .	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48	Wm. Herr,	1830	Mar. 28, 1897	91	67
John N. Irvin, . .	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12	J. L. Grover, . . .	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
Joseph J. Hill, . .	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55	Silas Bennett, . .	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
John C. Maddy, . .	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33	N. W. Darlington,	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
Dennis Callahan,	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38	Geo. T. Perry, . .	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
J. W. Stone, . . .	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49	Timothy Wones, .	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
Granville Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52	Asbury Lowrey, .	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
David Whitmer, .	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41	Jas. Stevenson, .	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
Richard Brandriff,	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64					

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REV. GEORGE THOMAS PERRY.

REV. GEORGE THOMAS PERRY was born March 27, 1865, near Elgin, Illinois, and died, after eight days illness of laryngitis, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Lynchburg, Ohio, January 20, 1898, aged 32 years, 9 months, and 23 days.

Brother Perry was the son of earnest Christian parents, and was trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. His mother was a consecrated woman. His father was a successful traveling Methodist preacher—a member of the Rock River Conference for many years, until

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his death some six years ago. Consecrated by his parents at birth to the work of the ministry, and called to that work from his earliest recollection, all his boyish efforts tended toward a thorough, conscientious preparation for the same. His college life was spent at Northern Illinois College and at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Between his college life at Fulton and Mt. Vernon, he, with his brothers, under the supervision of their father, published a local paper at Fulton. In politics the paper advocated prohibition, and he, as its editor, was fearless in his defense of his moral convictions, at one time facing rioters with a calmness born of his devotion to principle.

On October 28, 1890, he was united in marriage with Miss Mattie Constiner, of Monroe, Butler County, Ohio, a most estimable Christian lady, who has proven herself a helpmeet indeed. To them were born four children, one of whom, little Iva, died last year.

He preached his first sermon when sixteen years of age. He received his license as an exhorter from the president of the District Conference, held at Dixon, Illinois, in the year 1880. Attached to the renewal of the

same, in 1883, is the well-known name of W. A. Spencer. In 1884 he was licensed to preach. He served under the presiding elder two years as supply at Montgomery—from 1887 to 1889; and at Harrison one year.

He was received into the Cincinnati Conference, September, 1890. His first charges after his admission into the Cincinnati Conference, were Walker and Union, in Butler County, and Red Lion, in Warren County. After serving these charges, he completed a year's studies, and graduated with honor at the normal institution in Lebanon, Ohio. Since then he was pastor of the Maineville and Belfast Charges, each two years. His last appointment was on the Lynchburg Circuit, where he gave full proof of his ministry. His pulpit presence was attractive. His sermons held his audiences from first to last. His people loved him because of his pure Christian



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tian character. He had been conducting a protracted-meeting at Dunn's Chapel, seven miles distant, returning home each evening after services, so as to be with his sick child. Zeal for the cause of his Master, and devotion to his family, prompted him to brave the inclemency of the weather, from which he contracted a severe cold, that developed in the disease that ended his life. About ten o'clock A. M., of the 20th inst., the word went out that Brother Perry was dying. Close friends hastened to the parsonage, to find, alas! that the rumor was true. In a few moments after their arrival he breathed his last in the arms of his devoted wife. A short time before his death, he sang with his little children their favorite song,

"O come, angel band,
Come and around me stand;
O, bear me away on your snowy wings,
To my immortal home."

He said to his wife, "When I am gone, do not mourn for me, for I shall be at home." He lived for Christ and humanity, and for the uplifting of souls.

On Sabbath morning, at 10.30 o'clock, January 23, 1898, a large concourse of friends assembled at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Lynchburg, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. LeSourd, assisted by Rev. Dr. T. H. Pearne, presiding elder of Hillsboro District; Rev. C. C. Peale, of Bowersville; Rev. G. G. Clark, of Lynchburg; and Rev. Maxey, of Russell's. The remains were laid to rest in the Masonic Cemetery, at Lynchburg, Ohio.

REV. SILAS BENNETT, D. D.

REV. SILAS BENNETT, D. D., was born on a farm in Warren County, Ohio, July 14, 1826, and entered into rest from Bellefontaine, Ohio, March 10, 1898. He was one of twelve children, of whom but four survive him.

His early educational advantages were not of the best; but, such as they were, he improved them to his utmost ability. After dividing his time, through the earlier years of his life, between working on the farm and attendance upon the district school, he entered Farmer's College for a more advanced course of study, and was graduated in 1849. Among the young men who were associated with him in his educational life, Ex-President Benjamin Harrison, Murat Halstead, and Bishop John M. Walden are worthy of especial mention as having risen to eminence. His degree of Doctor of Divinity was received from his Alma Mater in 1879. Dr. Bennett was united in marriage with Catharine K. Clark, of Warren County, June 18, 1851. To them were born three children, two sons and one daughter. One son died at the age of nine years. The other, Dr. Homer C. Bennett, of Lima, Ohio, and Mrs. H. D. Bramble, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, as well as the companion of his life, survive to mourn an irreparable loss.



REV. SILAS BENNETT, D. D.

Quite early in life Dr. Bennett felt called of God to preach the gospel, and shortly afterwards was licensed under the pastorate of Rev. William I. Ellsworth. In 1850, together with J. W. Cassatt, Thomas Collett, J. F. Marlay, and others, he was admitted to the ranks of the traveling ministry in the old Ohio Conference. His earliest fields of labor were Milford Circuit, Winchester, East White Oak, Greenfield, Lewisburg, and Troy. At the Conference of 1859 he felt compelled, from growing ill-health, to take a supernumerary relation. In this relation he continued for five years, during which time he occupied and operated a farm.

The daily exercise of these years in the open air so far restored his health and strength that he felt warranted in returning to the active work and higher joy of the ministry. He was accordingly made effective in 1864, and appointed to Georgetown, where he remained one year. His subsequent appointments were: 1865-67, Felicity; 1868-70, presiding elder of Ripley District; 1871, Springfield District; 1872-73, Grace Church, Piqua; 1874-76, Madisonville; 1877, Cheviot; 1878-80, Milford; 1881-82, Pearl Street, Cincinnati; 1883-85, Batavia.

In 1886 he became convinced that his health and strength were no

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On October 28, 1890, he was united in marriage with Miss Mattie Constiner, of Monroc, Butler County, Ohio, a most estimable Christian lady, who has proven herself a helpmeet indeed. To them were born four children, one of whom, little Iva, died last year.

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same, in 1883, is the well-known name of W. A. Spencer. In 1884 he was licensed to preach. He served under the presiding elder two years as supply at Montgomery—from 1887 to 1889; and at Harrison one year.

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"O come, angel band,
Come and around me stand;
O, bear me away on your snowy wings,
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He said to his wife, "When I am gone, do not mourn for me, for I shall be at home." He lived for Christ and humanity, and for the uplifting of souls.

On Sabbath morning, at 10.30 o'clock, January 23, 1898, a large concourse of friends assembled at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Lynchburg, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. LeSourd, assisted by Rev. Dr. T. H. Pearne, presiding elder of Hillsboro District; Rev. C. C. Peale, of Bowersville; Rev. G. G. Clark, of Lynchburg; and Rev. Maxey, of Russell's. The remains were laid to rest in the Masonic Cemetery, at Lynchburg, Ohio.

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REV. SILAS BENNETT, D. D., was born on a farm in Warren County, Ohio, July 14, 1826, and entered into rest from Bellefontaine, Ohio, March 10, 1898. He was one of twelve children, of whom but four survive him.

His early educational advantages were not of the best; but, such as they were, he improved them to his utmost ability. After dividing his time, through the earlier years of his life, between working on the farm and attendance upon the district school, he entered Farmer's College for a more advanced course of study, and was graduated in 1849. Among the young men who were associated with him in his educational life, Ex-President Benjamin Harrison, Murat Halstead, and Bishop John M. Walden are worthy of especial mention as having risen to eminence. His degree of Doctor of Divinity was received from his Alma Mater in 1879. Dr. Bennett was united in marriage with Catharine K. Clark, of Warren County, June 18, 1851. To them were born three children, two sons and one daughter. One son died at the age of nine years. The other, Dr. Homer C. Bennett, of Lima, Ohio, and Mrs. H. D. Bramble, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, as well as the companion of his life, survive to mourn an irreparable loss.

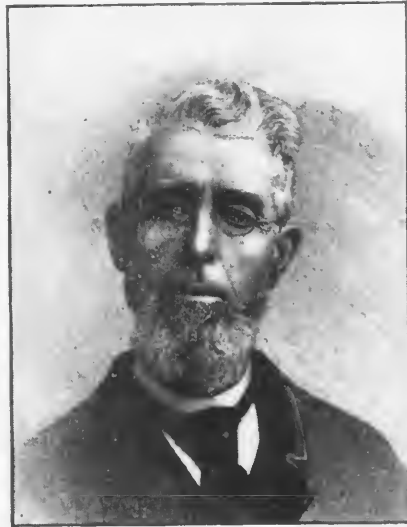
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and others, he was admitted to the ranks of the traveling ministry in the old Ohio Conference. His earliest fields of labor were Milford Circuit, Winchester, East White Oak, Greenfield, Lewisburg, and Troy. At the Conference of 1859 he felt compelled, from growing ill-health, to take a supernumerary relation. In this relation he continued for five years, during which time he occupied and operated a farm.

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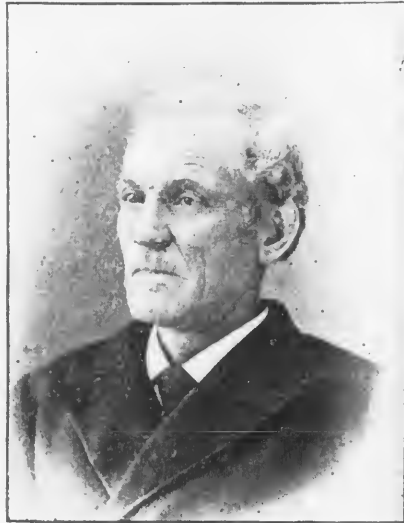
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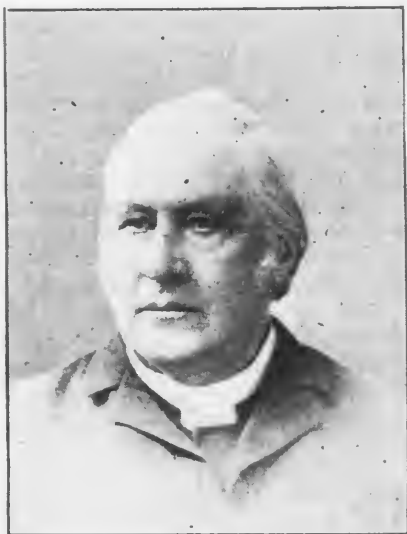
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"But you will ask," continues the Doctor, "'Have you lived without sin all this time?' My answer is, I set up no such pretension; but with a heart that does not condemn me, I keep my eye fixed on the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. If a lapse occurs, whether it be a mistake, a fault, or a sin, I keep looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith, and realize that his blood, which cleanseth from all sin, cleanses me and keeps me clean; not spasmodically, but constantly, as the streamlet keeps the pebbles clean by a continuous flow. I would not advise any pastor," continues the Doctor, "to make holiness, or any other one doctrine, an exclusive theme in the pulpit. I never did so when a pastor. I have an unalterable conviction that the doctrines of the Bible should be preached in their proportions. Every dissertation in my work on 'Positive Theology' I preached from the pulpit. There is but one chapter on sanctification in it, and yet all are tributary to that experience."

In 1874, Dr. Lowrey asked his Conference for a change of relation from effective to supernumerary, and soon after entered upon his editorial career in connection with the *Christian Standard*. Concerning this important step, he says: "I would not advise any one to leave the regular work for any specialty, unless age and other circumstances should make it reasonably certain that the usefulness of the specialist will be enhanced thereby. I persuade myself, and my friends coincide with me, that such has been the sequence of my divergence from what is called the regular work."

In less than two years Dr. Lowrey resigned this editorship, and, with his family, traveled quite extensively in Europe and in the Holy

Land. While in England he was the recipient of marked attentions from Dr. Punshon and other leaders of the Wesleyan Church, preaching once in the pulpit of the former, in City Road Chapel. He also delivered an address before the Irish Wesleyan Conference at Belfast, which was received with great favor.

On his return to Philadelphia, in 1878, he began, in connection with Dr. Asa Mahan, the publication of the monthly journal called *Divine Life*, which at once took rank as the leading organ of the doctrine and experience of holiness. For eighteen years Dr. Lowrey found most congenial and useful employment in the publication of this magazine.

Dr. Lowrey will hold a permanent place in the theological literature of Methodism. His "Positive Theology" and "Possibilities of Grace," are books that will live. The latter volume, especially, is regarded as one of the most important works that have yet appeared on the subject of Scriptural holiness. It is, as one has said, "neither extravagant nor eccentric, but a clear, scholarly, thoughtful, and attractive discussion of the full breadth of the Divine provisions for the forgiveness of sin, the regeneration of our nature, and its complete submission to God."

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In 1891 he was stricken with paralysis, from which, however, he recovered sufficiently to continue his loved work on *Divine Life* until two years ago, when his sight became so impaired that he was obliged to give up all active employment. He now settled in Germantown, Pa., where, surrounded by his loving household and friends, he breathed his last, and fell asleep in Jesus, on Friday evening, August 5th. One of his very last public utterances before his Conference may fittingly close this imperfect sketch:

"I trust I may say," said Dr. Lowrey on that occasion, with deep emotion, "without presumption and without provoking dissent, that I am ripe and ready for my transfer by the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls to the city of the living God—the heavenly Jerusalem. I know," he added, "that if this earthly house of my tabernacle be dissolved, I have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

"Brothers," he said, in closing, "I can not ask you to indorse my record; but I can and do ask you to pray that God will forgive its blemishes, and accept me for Christ's sake; and when the end comes, which can not be distant, pray, O pray, that my sun may go down in golden azure, and bring a final sleep in Jesus."

His funeral services were held in St. Paul Church, Cincinnati, August 10, 1898, and his remains were interred in Spring Grove Cemetery.

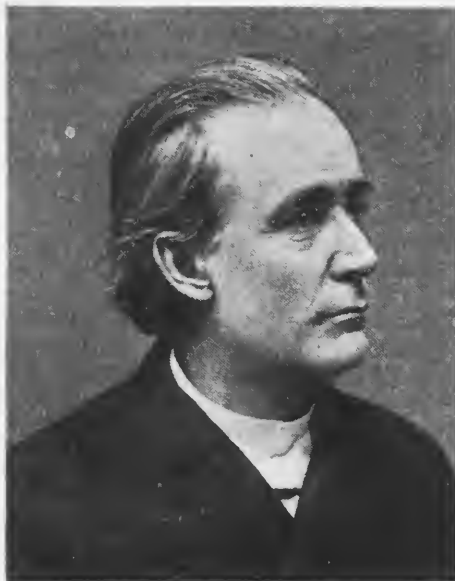
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Rust University, in 1889, bestowed upon Brother Stephenson the title of D. D. He was worthy of the honor.

His poem on "Resignation" fitly belongs to this imperfect tribute:

"Great Master, when my heart can say,
'Thy will be done, not mine,'
Then brighter beams than warm the day
Through all my being shine.

I thank Thee for each providence
To me inscrutable;
That makes Faith say to Doubt, "Go hence,"
He doeth all things well.

I count it not hard discipline,
That sorrow unto me
Appointed through my life has been
To lead me nearer Thee.

For every loss there is a gain,
Somehow, somewhere, to them
Who cleansing seek from sin's deep stain,
And touch Thy garment hem.

Much knowledge for which I have yearned
Is still at great remove.
I know but little; yet have learned
From Thee the power of love.

Great Master, human and divine,
More of thyself bestow,
My spirit permeate with thine,
Till lost ones feel the glow."

A. N. SPAHR.

MRS. JESSIE WALTER.

JESSIE WALTER, daughter of William and Alice Crawford, was born November 14, 1861, and died November 1, 1898.

Sister Walter was one of the truest women it has been my privilege to know; modest, sweet-spirited, unobtrusive, and shrinking in manner, patient and faithful in work. Her character was a blending of the fiber of the oak and the aroma of the rose, and the fragrance of her beautiful life sweetened every presence it graced.

Her life-purpose was to glorify God, and be useful in the cause of her Master and humanity. To this purpose she was as true as the needle to the pole. Indeed, it may be said, the passion of her life was to serve and be helpful.

While Brother Walter was at DePauw University preparing for the ministry, she patiently waited the time when plighted troth should find its consummation in marriage vows; but the waiting was not idle wait-

ing; it was a time of careful preparation for her life-work as the wife of a Methodist preacher.

In the fall of 1887, soon after their marriage, Brother and Sister Walter began their itinerant life, and through all the toils, hardships, and privations incident to the itinerancy she was unfailing in her loyalty to humanity, home, and God.

Although reserved almost to diffidence, unobtrusive and forgetful of self, her life was a power for good, and her efforts to hide self added luster to a beautiful life, which not only attracted attention by its beauty, but was a benediction to all who came within its orbit.

The following tribute to her memory is so true a picture of her life, that I take pleasure in making it a part of this memoir:

"Sister Walter was one of the finest, strongest characters we have ever met. Her true, gentle womanliness, and her loyal devotion to truth and duty were very marked. They appeared in every act and word. To her friends and her household she was always as true as tried steel.

"Though physically a sufferer for many long years, her power of endurance was so great that her patience seemed unlimited. She seldom complained, but sought to make her home peaceful, cheerful, and lovely.

"By nature, she was shy and reserved; and yet, in meeting strangers, she was able quickly to discern the good in them, and to begin to exert a quiet influence over them, to help them if they needed help.

"Her life was spent in loving service to Christ. Ever since her girlhood she had loved to train the young. In her letters of the past few years, she frequently referred to a Sunday-school class of young girls whom she had taught before her marriage, and for whose spiritual welfare she had been so much concerned.

"Since her children came to her, she counted their training for Jesus her greatest blessing. For her own spiritual strength, it was often she stole away by herself to sing the beautiful songs of the Church. Those she sang more frequently than others, and which seemed to bring such great uplift to her soul were, "I'm satisfied with Jesus here," and "Jesus, I my cross have taken." During the past year especially she seemed to feel the Lord very near, and more precious than all else."

MRS. JOSEPH J. HILL.

MARY L. VAN HARLENGEN was born, February 22, 1814, in New Brunswick, New Jersey. While she was but a child her parents came to Ohio, and settled at Lebanon, where she spent the greater part of her life. God had richly endowed her with a bright intellect, and she was given all the advantages of mental training within her reach. She was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in early life, and continued in its fellowship, enjoying all its privileges until death. She was married to Dr. Lewis Drake, of Lebanon, September 17, 1838. Theirs was a lovely Christian home. Four boys and two girls were born and brought up in it, to enjoy active Christian lives. In 1851 a great sorrow swept over her life, in the death of her husband.

After two years of widowhood, she was united in marriage with Rev. Joseph J. Hill, July 26, 1853, and at once assumed with him the responsibilities of the itinerancy of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Cincinnati Conference. Their first appointment was Hamilton; then Middletown, two years; next Greenfield, one year. After a much needed rest of one year they served, in 1858-60, Highland Circuit and Waynesville Station. In 1861, while pastor at Fairfield, he was appointed chaplain of the 73d Ohio Regiment, and went immediately to the front. From that to the close of the War of the Rebellion she lived in constant fear

and anxiety, such as only those who experienced it as wife and mother can understand. After the war they served respectively, Bethel, Germantown, Winchester, Fletcher, St. Paris and Lena, New Paris, Tippecanoe, Fair Haven, and Centenary Charges. In 1880, Brother Hill was placed on the superannuated list, and they again removed to Lebanon, where he died November 11, 1883. Sister Hill remained here until 1894, when she went to Dayton, to live with her only child, Mrs. L. L. Shuey, where she was kindly cared for and ministered unto by this loving household until her death, November 15, 1898.

In their itinerant life thousands of souls were won to Christ. Her husband was a revival flame everywhere and always; he was never so happy as amid the shouts of new-born souls. He did not win these souls alone; back of him and around him, like the ever-present Holy Spirit, were the prayers of this noble Christian wife. "God was with them." During the last twelve years she was such a constant sufferer, that she could be no more active in Church work. But as a cheerful, uncomplaining saint, she made every one happy who came into her presence. Religion was no gloomy vale with her; but, on the contrary, a bright summerland filled with beauty and glory. "She rests from her labors."

Brief funeral services were conducted by the pastors of Dayton in the early morning of November 17th, participated in by Revs. Clemans, Robinson, Clayton, and Prentiss. In the afternoon of the same day, at the Cemetery Chapel, in Lebanon, by Revs. Burdsall and Prentiss, and on the following Sabbath morning in the home Church at Lebanon, memorial services were conducted by E. Burdsall and J. Raper Hunter, in the presence of a large congregation.

E. BURDSALL.

MRS. M. P. ZINK.

ON Sabbath morning, January 16, 1898, as the Christian people were preparing to assemble for worship in the earthly temple, the spirit of Mrs. M. P. Zink left her home in Hillsboro, Ohio, to be present with the Lord in the heavenly temple, and worship with the angels and redeemed around the throne of God.

Sister Mary J. Zink was the daughter of John S. and Sarah Beasley. She was born at Decatur, Brown County, Ohio, September 23, 1834. In early life she was surrounded by Christian influences, and while a student at Oakland Female Seminary, Hillsboro, Ohio, under the pastorate of Rev. M. Dustin, she was converted, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. On September 26, 1855, she was united in marriage with Rev. M. P. Zink, who has been a faithful and zealous minister of the gospel for nearly fifty years. To them were given five sons and four daughters; one son in infancy and three daughters grown to womanhood, passed on before her, while four sons and one daughter are left to sustain and comfort the husband and father in his declining years.

In her home, and as a pastor's wife, she was unfaltering; a woman of marked individuality, she had an intuitive sense of the right thing to do, and was faithful in every duty. The poor, the friendless, the Christless, and the weak found in her a helping hand.

She was conspicuously interested in missions, and more than one home on the frontier and in the Southland has cause for thankfulness because of her devoted life. From her bed of pain she remembered the thank-offering services, sending her contributions and blessing. She received her certificate of life membership in the Home Missionary Society but a few weeks before she entered into the life eternal. When, in 1889, after forty consecutive years of earnest labor in the itinerancy, her

husband was granted a superannuate relation, they chose Hillsboro as a place of location; and they have endeared themselves to the people by their thoughtful, helpful, and unselfish ministrations. Sister Zink's death comes as a personal bereavement to many who knew and loved her.

Her life was a vitalized edition of Solomon's virtuous woman. Her children rise up and call her blessed, and they are themselves a blessing. During her long and severe illness of sixteen months, she received the devoted attention and care of her family. So swift was the touch of the death angel that perchance she knew it not until within the presence of the unseen glories, where, no longer weary, no longer suffering, she needed not the kind and thoughtful ministrations of her loved ones.

The funeral services were held in Hillsboro, Ohio, on Wednesday morning, January 19th, at ten o'clock, in the presence of a large gathering of her friends and relatives, and were conducted by Rev. M. LeSourd, assisted by Rev. Buckingham, of the Christian Church. The remains were laid to rest in the beautiful Hillsboro Cemetery, to await the resurrection.

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Received this year:

1. "The Evolution of American Methodism," Rev. T. A. Goodwin, D. D.
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3. Sermon by Rev. John Sale on "Baptism, 1801," from Rev. C. W. Taneyhill, Wapakoneta, Ohio.
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6. One copy *Western Christian Advocate* of 1836, Mrs. A. Lowrey.

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